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SEASON'S GREETINGS

We hope the holiday season brings you joy and happiness and prosperity for the coming year. We would like to thank you for your patronage and hope that we can continue to serve you in 1976.

Council on recreation merry-go-round at special meeting

St. Albert council mulled over the details of an information brochure about the recreation complex and annexation for five hours Friday night.

The "mulling" was done at a special meeting of council.

While much of the information in the tentative brochure was old hat, it seemed to give some of council a severe dose of scruples.

This led Councillor Barry Breadner to repeat time and again that council should not be getting into the nitty gritty at this stage, but should keep things simple.

Mayor Dick Plain gently took the councillor to task at this point telling him that the information in the brochure had to be easily understood by the public.

The slim brochure, which will likely have an insert of a simple outline of the complex as well as a picture of it on the front will be delivered to St. Albert residents in the first week of January, before the January 13 plebiscite. It will have been put together for the printers by December 23.

While seven members of council were given the task of recommending changes to the question and answer format of the brochure, there seemed to be a fatalistic tendency to go over old ground, as if to make sure that everything was all right.

Motion after motion was carried, lost, or amended as the special meeting went through its paces, eventually reaching the goal of giving town staff something to work on for the public to see.

An instance of the kind of nitty gritty hassle which kept creaping into the discussion was when Coun. Rod Throndson - as is often the case - had his motion calling for the "firm" to be left out of the phrase "firm estimates," roundly defeated.

As might have been expected, the problem of access to the multi-purpose recreation facility was a highlight of the council's discussions.

There was the ever present problem of the St. Albert Trail in the back of councillors' minds.

Councillor Myrna Fyfe said that council could not bury its head in the sand and pretend that this problem did not exist as "people on the east side (of the Trail) remember children killed."

The problem could be licked by constructing a series of footbridges and overpasses and possibly even bicycle ways, as council had to "satisfy the people on safety," as Coun. Fyfe put it.

Safety should be a separate item in the brochure pointed out Coun. Margaret Smith, while Mayor Plain felt that the public's feelings on safety were being overdramatized here. "There'll not be a person killed every 30 seconds," he said, referring to the time when St. Albert residents would be pouring into the recreation facility on McKenney Avenue. And he felt that there was evidence that "more accidents happen off the Trail than on it."

Town Administrator Bob Byron, with reference to the talk on providing inbuilt safety factors for the recreation complex, asked council if they were not talking of a $6 million facility and that was why he had left out the access problem "till the time came to do it."

Coun. Frank Lukay said that council could be laughed out of town if the brochure did not spell out the safety factors regarding recreation complex access. But he conceded that the access had not been "constructed yet to be criticized." Mayor Dick Plain felt that the simple answer was that there was ready and simple accesses to the site.

Information in the brochure would also point to the fact that at no time would a major recreation event be planned from 5 - 6 p.m.

This would coincide with the rush hour and would make left hand turns to the complex very difficult.

Coun. Throndson still wanted some information in the brochure on why the major facility had been chosen above three decentralized sites.

Another skirmish surfaced during the discussion when Coun. Lukay - referring to the need for the complex, - said that he couldn't support it just because a government grant was available; the facility had to be needed by the people first.

"But that was why we were excited," interjected Coun. Fyfe, because the town had got the money to spend.

And this was how the meeting proceeded for five hours, with councillors getting bogged down, sometimes against their will, in the mass of facts to be put before the public.

The big words, like "consolidation" (of the complex), to provide for maximum use, kept flying, and the question of the provincial grants provided grist to council's mill before the meeting ended at 8.30.

It began at 3:30 p.m.

Many seniors enjoy Lions lights tour

Through the courtesy of the St. Albert Breakfast Lions Club, over 50 of our senior citizens saw Edmonton's Christmas lights on Wednesday, December 17 - many for the first time. The weather couldn't have been more co-operative and the bus tour arranged by the Lions was enjoyed by all.

Two buses were required. Lion Ed Savoie had volunteered his bus and his services and when it became apparent that this was not going to be sufficient for the number of people wanting to go, Pastor Keith Agrey was approached and he very kindly offered his smaller handi-bus. Because of a previous commitment he was unable to act as driver and guide but Bill Cook proved to be an excellent substitute at very short notice.

Lion "Doc" Cuts inadvertently became a driver as well over part of the route when a gentleman who had not been aware of a change in the time of departure from the Centre arrived about five minutes after the buses had departed. Suffice to say, the good doctor caught the bus - with time to spare, a fact which impressed his passenger.

Meanwhile, back at the Centre, a lunch was being prepared by Lion Tom Flynn, president of the Breakfast Lions Club, his wife Cecille and Lion Chuck Meurin. Mrs. Cuts had arranged for the supply of coffee, donuts and a huge Christmas cake which were welcomed by the happy wanderers when they returned some time after 8 p.m., from their sight-and-light-seeing.

The party of "seniors," which included a number from the Youville Home, appreciated what in most cases was a rare opportunity to view the Christmas decorations in downtown Edmonton as well as some of the well-decorated suburbs. Altogether it was a very successful evening thanks to the generosity of the Breakfast Lions Club and the co-operation of everyone involved.

CHRISTMAS BINGO

The St. Albert Kinsmen Club will be holding a special Christmas Bingo for members of the senior citizens club in the Recreation Centre (north of the curling rink and the Legion Hall) on Tuesday, December 23 starting at 7 p.m. This should be an enjoyable affair as the Kinsmen are noted for their organizational abilities and as hosts.

Seniors should note that the bingo which would normally take place on the afternoon of the 23rd will not be held.

Bowling resumes on Thursday, January 8, 1976 after the Christmas "recess" and the next opportunity for casual "dropping-in" at the Centre will be on Tuesday, January 6, 1976, when Russell Naves will resume his practice of having the Centre open from 7 - 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Bill Collector: "Why do you let your wife spend more money than you make?"

Husband: "I'd rather argue with you than with her."

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See the "Bethlehem Star" in 1975

By Jim McIntyre

What we have come to call the "Star of Bethlehem," which guided the Three Wise Men to Christ's birthplace nearly two thousand years ago, is still a haunting mystery.

If you want to take in a mind boggling trip - back to the skies of Bethlehem at the time of Christ's birth - then go to that time machine which is the Queen Elizabeth Planetarium this holiday and see most of the mystery solved before your very eyes. For information on show times phone 455-0119.

Not only is the annual show at the Planetarium - 111th Avenue and 142nd Street a fine show visually and to the ear, but the "Star of Christmas" is a must for those with scientifically curious minds.

The show begins to the strains of Ralph Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on a theme of "Greensleeves" and the vault of the heavens literally opens up above your eyes forcing you to crane your head in a way you never do when you're under the real sky.

Gradually we are introduced to the skies above Edmonton as they would have appeared at the historic time of Christ's birth, which can be worked out to quite a fine point.

Indeed much of the intriguing show is taken up with pin-pointing the exact time of Christ's birth so that it can be matched with any historical records of astronomical phenomena occurring at that time.

The incredible equipment of the Planetarium flicks us 1200 miles south to the skies of Bethlehem about 2000 years ago, with the Big Dipper or Plough very low on the northern horizon.

Then we are asked, with the help of the resources of the Planetarium to visualize some of the objects which might have led the Magi to the place of Christ's birth.

We use the time scale BC--AD, thanks to the efforts of a monk, Dionysius, writing around 533 AD, who decided that the Roman calendar then in vogue was not much use and invented the scale we use, based from the year zero 1,975 years ago.

We're told to consider that, going from the information in the gospel of Matthew, the only one of the four gospels which mentions the wise men and the star, Christ's birth occurred in the reign of Herod, from 34 - 4 B.

We know that Herod, the then King of Israel died during a partial eclipse of the Moon in 4 BC. Also that an edict went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed, in 8 BC; and that because news travelled slowly in those days, Mary and Joseph would not hear of the tax notice for about a year after. And the gospel story tells us that they arrived in Bethlehem to submit to the edict and at this point Mary gave birth to her child.

This is where the "star" story fits in. On the vault of the skies above our heads, we go through the numerous possibilities of what it was the wise men saw and the astrological significance of it.

A comet flashes above our heads, and we're told that the Wise men could not have seen one as there were none of any significance in 7 BC. Halley's Comet was nowhere around this planet then either. Then fireballs and meteors zoom across the Planetarium roof. But the wise men would not have been impressed with these for what they saw was a standing star seemingly guiding them to a particular place. Chinese records show that there were no great nova or supernova star explosions in the sky at the time; a supernova is the end of a star when it dies in a burst of glory 10 million times brighter than its original power.

Then we are confronted with the only scientific explanation of the Star of Bethlehem at present known to us. Anything else, we would have to accept as miraculous, or a divine intervention in the usual goings on of the universe.

Looking at the skies above our heads in the Planetarium we see reconstructed the triple conjunction of the three planets - not stars - Jupiter, Mars and Saturn in the Constellation of Pisces, which happened in 7 BC.

For the wise men, the alignment of such forces in the sky meant something significant was going to happen on earth. Pisces, the audio-tape informs, is the stroligical sign of the Jews or Hebrews. Jupiter in both Greek and Roman mythology was the sign for the King of the Gods. Mars we all know as the bringer of war. Saturn had some connection with fertility or agriculture.

Then the show is over and there is the feeling that we have been peeping toms in one of the greatest stories of human history, a story which grips our emotions and imaginations every Christmas; leaving us with the feeling that there is something out there watching benevolently over us.

The announcer also leaves us with the staggering thought that when the next triple conjunction of Jupiter, Mars and Saturn comes round, it will be in 2400 AD. Too far away for us to even worry about.

He also reminds us that the next conjunction of Jupiter, King of the Gods and Mars the Bringer of War is in the Spring of 1976.

Enough to make shivers go up and down your spine.

Young St. Albert residents have a look at the W.I. Community Christmas Card on Grandin Mall: Holly Hendrigen, 7, and Sherry Turnbull. The card was begun in lieu of sending cards when the postal strike was on, and will remain through the holiday season. Signers leave a small donation in a box in front of Robinson's store. Proceeds are for W.I. projects and at present the group is involved with Interclub's efforts to procure an ambulance service for the community.

Greetings from the MLA

The busyness of the Christmas seems to catch up so many of us in a whirlwind of activity, increasing as the day approaches, that it is sometimes hard to get done those things which are really the most important.

I congratulate our service clubs who have given pleasure to our older readers and to our more needy families.

Our thoughts turn also in this season to those families who will have missing places at their Christmas table, especially those who have lost young people. May they feel the healing presence of the Christ child in their homes and hearts.

It is my hope that the gifts of love and joy bless of us this Christmas season and that the new year will bring happiness and health.

ERNIE JAMISON.

MLA meets with City Mayor

MLA Ernie Jamison met with Edmonton's new Mayor, Terry Cavanaugh last Thursday for discussions on meetings which have been held between the city, St. Albert, MD Sturgeon, County Parkland and the Village of Gibbons.

"It was a mutually profitable discussion on a wide range of planning matters," said Mr. Jamison. Both men felt that further meetings should be set up early in the new year in an effort to finalize integrated planning in such areas as water, sewer, roads, public transportation and land use.

GIFT TIME AT THE YOUVILLE HOME - Mrs. Sophie Hepburn, 100 years old in two weeks time, with Santa, [centre] and Mrs. Amanda Pelletier, 101, sit in three recliner chairs donated to the residents of the home by the Ladies Auxiliary.

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AROUND TOWN

Full house at the Hansons' this season - Maureen and Dick Reike from Fernie, B.C., and Maureen's mother Mrs. Hodgkinson from Maltby, Yorks, England, will be visiting Edna and Brian Hanson of Amber Crescent for Christmas. This will be Mrs. Hodgkinson's first trip to Canada - hope she enjoys our white winter wonderland!

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Nominate now for Citizen of the year

The deadline for nominations for the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award is December 31st and Chairman Dr. Wm. Cuts urges all groups or individuals who are thinking about a nomination to get their submissions prepared.

A panel of independent judges will make the selection of the 1976 'Citizen' and will be guided by the following factors: years of service, community, church and service clubs actively supported by the nominee and exceptional contribution to the lifestyle of the community.

Submissions setting forth these and other reasons for supporting a nomination should be sent to Dr. Cuts by the end of the year. His mailing address is 6 Green Grove Drive, St. Albert.

Complete secrecy of the judges' decision is kept until the annual banquet and dance sponsored by the St. Albert and District Chamber of Commerce, being held this year on January 31st, and the announcement is made that evening.

CORRECTION

ADVERTISEMENT IN LAST WEEK'S GAZETTE RE. POP SHOP - THERE IS NO NICKEL POP AVAILABLE.

Notice to Readers

The next issue of the Gazette will be coming out on JANUARY 7th. Parents of paper carriers are asked to remind their girls and boys. All staff will have a week's holiday, and the office will be open irregular hours only until January 5th.

The Gazette staff would like to say thank you for cards and good wishes received and wish for all our readers the gifts of love and joy through the Christmas season and the New Year.

MLA Column

The recreation - culture grant

In February of this year the Provincial Government announced a grant for recreational and cultural facilities of $100 per capita for all Alberta municipalities. The purpose of the grant was to assist municipalities to provide more facilities, upgrade existing facilities or to help defray debts on existing facilities. Grant funds are not to be used for operational costs.

The program was offered over a 10 year period, with the final total grant escalated on the population count in the 10th year. Thus municipal councils and/or recreation boards may, if they wish, program the expenditures and construction of a facility or facilities over a 10 year plan.

Seventy-five dollars of the grant for each person is for recreation and $25 of the grant per person is for cultural facilities. Facilities may be separate or combined to reach the 75-25 ratio. Thus the program is flexible and designed to allow municipalities with differing needs throughout Alberta to have a number of options open as to how they can use these funds to best serve their people over a 10-year period.

Regulations state that input should be received from service clubs, school boards, organizations and interested citizens. Voluntary work contribution and/or financial contribution is to be encouraged from community organizations and workers in order to make the grant money go further.

Some communities are presently programming their grant over the full 10-year period, planning first the most needed facilities with provision to add to these over 10 years. Quite a number of municipalities are planning for recreational needs first with the 25% cultural funds to be used later on.

Many St. Albert residents have talked with me over the past three years and particularly during the last eight months on how they see our town's needs. From these discussions four major desires have come through most strongly - three arena shells in three districts, pool attached to a school, widest possible use of existing school facilities under the joint use concept, and an additional arts and crafts centre. Both school boards favour facilities on school sites, with Paul Kane school planned for a pool and land available on the St. Albert High site also. Perhaps a lesser number have stressed cross country ski trails, bicycle paths and track facilities to place emphasis on keep-fit programs for all ages.

The program is flexible and I hope that all residents will give the matter careful thought and take advantage of the plebiscite opportunity offered by the town council to go to the polls on January 13th. When that question is answered I hope that all townspeople will actively support the wish of the majority, be it for a major recreation-culture complex or neighbourhood facilities.

Ice pack drift surprises scientists

A joint Canada-United States research ice station on the Arctic Polar ice, occupied since spring, has surprised its occupants and other scientists by drifting far from the course it was expected to take. Instead of moving roughly southwestward, from the Canadian into the United States sector of the Arctic Ocean, it spent only a short time in the U.S. sector and is now back well into the Canadian sector, and still drifting eastward at an accelerated pace.

The station is the major 1975 undertaking of the Canada-U.S. Arctic Ice Dynamics Joint Experiment (AIDJEX), a long term project aimed at understanding the interaction between air and ice in the Arctic, and its effect on the North American climate. Situated on a level stretch of Arctic pack ice, the station has a complement of over 30 scientists and assistants. It is supplied by air. The Canadian contingent is operating under the auspices of the Polar Continental Shelf Project, a branch of EMR.

The drift of the pack ice is caused by winds, which this year have unexpectedly blown from the northwest rather than from the east, as expected. As a result of the abnormal wind direction the pack ice has moved south against the mainland coast, closing the sea lanes to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, the site of a major oil discovery.

from the Mayor's office

Financial Aspects-Recreation & Culture Complex

Under the terms of the Provincial Government's Major Cultural/Recreation Facility Program a community may receive up to $100 per capita support if it meets all of the terms and conditions contained in the provincial regulations. The program as it is presently envisaged will: (1) terminate as of March 31, 1985 and (2) allow the $100 per capita assistance to be based on the maximum population contained in a community during the 10 year period. It is clear that the amount of additional financial assistance that a municipality would qualify for in each of the future years of the program would depend entirely on its rate of population growth.

MAJOR CONDITIONS:

1. The first set of major conditions are as follows:

(1) Regional multi-purpose facility - Prov. Gov't. 50%; Municipal Funding - 50%.

(2) Municipal multi-purpose - Prov. Gov't. 40%; Municipal Funding - 60%.

(3) Regional single purpose - Prov. Gov't. 35%; Municipal Funding 65%.

(4) Municipal single purpose - Prov. Gov't. 30%; Municipal Funding - 70%.

A multi-purpose project is defined as a project which is designed to provide recreational facilities for the residents of a region or municipality for any THREE or more recreational uses including (but not so as to be limited to) an arts and crafts centre, a hockey arena, a curling rink, a rodeo arena, a tennis court, a theatre, a concert hall, a library or an art gallery.

2. The second major condition is that a minimum of 25% of the Provincial funds allocated under Section 1 must be expended on cultural activities.

IMPLICATIONS:

The significance of the major conditions set out above (a number of other constraints are ignored for the sake of brevity) is that a community's recreational and cultural priorities and desires regarding the manner and way facilities are grouped together must for all practical economic purposes fall within provincial guidelines.

In effect, a $1,000,000. proposed expenditure on a purely recreational facility not grouped with other facilities would result in: (1) a loss of 25% of funding due to the lack of cultural content and (2) a municipal single purpose classification. The net result is that the Provincial Government would provide $225,000. and the municipality would be required to pay $775,000. If the same million dollars was expended on facilities which met the cultural content regulation and a municipal multi-purpose designation was achieved the Provincial Government's share would increase to $400,000. and the municipality's share would decrease to $600,000. Similarly, if a regional multi-purpose classification was obtained the respective municipal and provincial shares amount to $500,000. apiece.

The above example is highly simplified; however, it illustrates the complexity of the grant structure and the great care which must be expended in ensuring that the recreational and cultural priorities and facilities are grouped in a manner which minimizes the municipal costs incurred in providing a given mix of services. It is worth noting that hundreds of hours of time and effort have been expended on negotiating and justifying a municipal multi-purpose classification for the proposed St. Albert complex - in effect a 40 - 60% split. As matters presently stand the possibility exists that we may receive a regional multi-purpose 50-50% split in the proposed complex. The final decision in this regard will not be rendered by the Provincial Government until late March.

Geological discovery starts " mini rush "

The discovery of copper mineralization in a remote region of the North West Territories has started what one knowledgeable observer termed a "mini-rush" by mining companies.

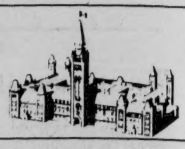
The copper-bearing formation is located in the Redstone River area, about 600 kilometres west of Yellowknife. The grade of the copper ore is not yet known.

The news about the discovery was released by the Geological Survey of Canada, EMR, in late August, and a month later close to 200 claims had been registered with the mining recorder's office in Yellowknife.

FIJI - A NAME OF THE NORTH

Northern Canada gathered its legends and settlers from all over the world - a fact reflected by its place names. An example is Jim Fiji Harbour on the Admundsen Gulf, named for James Asasela, a native of Samoa. Asasela arrived in Canada's north as a sailor on the vessel Polar Bear and remained as a trapper. He was met by Stefansson who travelled in the Arctic during 1913-1919.

OTTAWA and Small Business



New role for small business

By KENNETH McDONALD

In November, 1975, delegates from 33 nations and the UN attended an International Symposium of Small Business in Tokyo. Representatives from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, who were there, report two conclusions of special significance to Canadians.

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First, that concentration of power in affluent Western societies is responsible for the dual phenomena of inflation and recession. Government spending on social programs, which inflates the size, complexity and cost of government, leads directly to concentrations of power in business.

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The burden bears heaviest on small firms. Taxes on payroll, on income, on capital gains, on sales, on succession -- by reducing profitability and the ability to finance growth -- force owners to sell out. The efforts of larger firms to obtain special tax advantages merely accelerate the process.

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Big labour is a product of big government and big business. The decline of small business employment and output is a product of anti-competitive behaviour in labour, government and business and not of technology or economies of scale. Power can be diffused by lower taxes on small firms and by tough competition laws.

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Second, that energy shortages and the transfer of jobs to third world countries will result in slower growth for developed nations. These changes require a new emphasis on small business development and the preservation of rural communities.

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Large scale standardized manufacturing will move to the Koreas and Taiwans, forcing developed nations to specialize in sophisticated, differentiated products best provided by small and medium enterprises.

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In France, Belgium, Japan and Germany, public policy is directed towards encouraging small businesses and the communities they serve. Controls are placed on the growth of shopping centres and department stores in rural areas, on exclusive leases and loss leader selling. The emphasis is away from the automobile and towards local businesses that are within walking distance.

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Canadians are living in a dream world. Labour and professional groups fight for exorbitant wage increases while hundreds of jobs each week slip out of the country. Canada's need is to get away from dependence on fossil fuels from ever-expanding urban centres and from ever-increasing concentrations of power in government, business and labour.

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The future lies in our ability to compete and that means encouraging the small and medium enterprises, which are best able to adjust quickly to changing products and markets.

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to the Editor

Wants sensible facilities

As a concerned citizen I have followed the Rec. Complex controversy in your paper. I read with interest the comments made by Councillor Barry Breadner in the December 16th issue of the Journal on Page 15.

My understanding is that the people who supported the petition would prefer a different location or scattered facilities throughout the community.

If we get a certain percentage grant for a "multi-purpose" facility, what happens if we go to separate scattered ones. We receive a large grant because of the cultural aspect of the complex. What happens to that.

I ask the leaders of this petition to answer these questions with hard facts and figures supported by named resources. It seems to me that such an important stand on a very far reaching matter should be supported by more than just words of opposition.

What are your alternatives? What is the cost? Where would they be located? And most important, how long would it be before they are available? Please be specific. The time is too close for a decision to be working with generalities. Town council has supplied us with their facts and figures. This is not a new issue. Now it is your turn. Give us yours before January 13th please. It will help all of us make an intelligent decision I'm sure.

Until you do this the town council should have everyones support. I say that in a town so lacking in these types of facilities as St. Albert is, something is better than nothing; and right now, nothing is what we have.

I hope that the Gazette would see fit to put your answers to these questions before its readers.

M. B. Hodgins,
Sturgeon Heights.

Corrects Gazette article

I would appreciate if you could publish the following correction on your article "Council and petitioners challenged on rec. complex."

1. When I appeared during the 15 minute "Deputations and delegations" period of the last council meeting, I made it quite clear that I was appearing as a private citizen of St. Albert who did not lead nor represent a delegation or deputation of citizens. The impression given by the Gazette that I was appearing as an appointed member of the Parks and Recreation Board is therefore wholly incorrect. If the Gazette would care to attend the public Parks and Recreation Board meetings held every first Wednesday of the month in the Town Hall Annex, it would have known better.

2. At no time did I say, leave alone "was adament," that Council "give the people the chance to decide whether the Facility should be spread throughout the town and lumped in one area." I did urge council to review its refusal to hold a referendum on the recreational facilities of this town. Council has given ample opportunity for public input into the kind of recreational complex it wants.

3. I gave an analysis of the characteristics of the various groups of voters which would vote for or against the money bylaw. One of the groups I stated, would be voting against the money bylaw because they felt that council had stepped outside its legal boundaries. The interpretive-between-brackets of "(in the matter of not allowing the referendum.)" is the responsibility of the Gazette.

As two of my letters to the town can attest to: I do support the Complex. Even if I do not agree with the site, I will still vote for the money bylaw. Split up facilities result in split up family entertainment, if not in split up families.

Mrs. L. Bakker,
Grandin Park.

Requests answers on Rec Complex

As a resident and taxpayer of St. Albert I am deeply concerned over the continuing push by town council to build the Central Recreation Complex.

Why has council given little or no consideration to the building of neighbourhood facilities which would be available for use to all St. Albert youngsters? The Central Complex will be available only for the use of a select few.

Over and above the increase in your taxes and mine to build the Rec. Complex, what are the membership costs to join and use the facilities in this proposed elite club? Council hasn't mentioned this to my knowledge.

The estimated yearly operating deficit of the Rec. Complex is an estimate only. These estimates have a nasty habit of drastically increasing after a facility is put into actual operation. This money can come from only one place - the taxpayers pocket.

The taxpayers of St. Albert have the opportunity to put this proposed "White Elephant" to rest once and for all by voting "NO" to the plebiscite on January 13th to borrow 2.85 million. Get out and vote and lets get on with sensible neighbourhood facilities.

H. G. HAIGHT
4 Glacier Place.

Petitioner clarifies concerns on proposed complex

Recent comments in the Gazette and the Edmonton Journal have prompted me to clarify why I became an active participant in the petition for a plebiscite on the money bylaw for the Recreational Complex.

My first concern was the financial impact on the ratepayers of the town in borrowing $2,800,000 dollars A plebiscite gives the property owners an opportunity to have a say in borrowing that large an amount of money and thereby accepting or rejecting an increase in the property tax. (This being $48 per year).

Secondly my concern was regarding the type of facility being proposed, and is it going to serve the maximum number of active-participants per tax dollar. At a recent meeting I and other taxpayers of the community met with the mayor, Mr. Breadner and members of town administration and tried to express the above views. The question to be asked now; are we as taxpayers getting the kind of facility we need, to serve the active-participants of this community and are we getting maximum use of our tax dollar. I must say that I believe that our meeting with the above group was in vain. It's regretable that Mr. Breadner feels that we, as interested taxpayers and members of the community, must "But-up or Shut-up." What must be remembered is that we live in a democratic system, and as members of the community we will be the users and pay the cost of whatever is built. Therefore whether Mr. Breadner and the town administration spent nine months or nine years in planning is of no particular concern, what does matter is whether the proposed complex is right for the community.

My view is that the proposed complex is not what the community needs for the following reasons:

1. That the increase in property tax resulting from building the proposed complex is excessive when related to the number of active-participants it can accommodate. (excluding spectators).

2. The town in the past was considering neighborhood community recreational facilities of smaller size, this would be "an on-going program" to accommodate growth.

3. Should the proposed complex be built I contend that as a community we will not be able to afford any other facilities for approximately 10 years.

4. The location of the complex has been questioned right from the beginning.

(a) The selected site forces the children living on the south side of the river to either use Highway No. 2 or Perron Street, we are asking for accidents to happen.

(b) Had a complex of a smaller size been located adjacent to Paul Kane High School, it would serve five schools in walking distance. The proposed location means that all children in the community will have to be bused. This means added "hidden cost" for busing - tax dollars. It also means additional instructional time lost due to travel time.

These are my observations and objections as an interested member of community and a taxpayer. I urge all property owners to seriously consider all facts on the complex and express your view on January 13.

PAUL GARRICK
STURGEON HEIGHTS.

Irked & disgusted

Time and time again I have read and re-read about irresponsible actions of a mayor and council that ignore to say the least, the wishes of the citizens of the Town of St. Albert. A blatant example is in regards to the Recreation Complex; our mayor states that in no way should council go through expenses of doing studies on numerous different locations.

Since when do the mayor and council of this town, or any other town for that matter, consider themselves authorized to make a ruling on money matters of such magnitude without the authorization of their superiors?

Recreation is good and proper but never should it serve the personal interests of a specific group. It must serve **ALL** taxpayers. This is the obligation for the mayor and council first and foremost. Thats what democracy is all about.

Forget the C of C or the much used and abused words **Civic Pride.** The working taxpayer of this town and all other towns for that matter is the bread and butter and the basis for all decisions, with controls on inflation being put into effect. It is impossible for the wage earner to come up with this extra burden. We are now looking at a 15% cost of food increase plus a water rate hike who knows what plus very high natural gas hike, plus a telephone increase and God knows what else. Let the poor taxpayer **BEWARE!**

To those interested in sports for themselves and their children, I am sure small covered rinks in each district plus two new swimming pools covered, if financially possible, would serve far better purpose than one Grand Edmonton Eskimo pipe dream.

Let the Taxpayers, the Masters, decide what should be done. Not the Servants.

IRKED TAXPAYER
HENRY A. HOULE.

RCMP Commended

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the members of the RCM Police St. Albert Detachment. Recently a night "Prowler" attempted to break into my residence. I was impressed with the speed in which they arrived in answer to my phone call.

"Prowler" was picked up - charged and convicted.

I am grateful to them for their prompt service.

Alice Ross.
St. Albert.

Wants local facilities

WAKE UP MR. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS!

I have watched with interest the manouvering and quick stepping you people have been doing and think it is time you listened to the taxpayers of St. Albert regarding the Rec. Complex.

I was not given the opportunity to sign the petition but would have gladly done so.

What our family wants are facilities closer to our home. There is absolutely no way I would allow my children to attend functions at a building so close to a very busy highway and such a long distance from home.

I can see this building as a White Elephant which it has already been dubbed.

We were residents of Edmonton for many years and know for a fact that there is a cost involved in using any recreational facility. Over and above the cost of the Complex which is added on to our already high taxes - 'what' are the out of hand expenses e.g. handball courts, swimming pool, any courses offered. Someone has to pay for the operation expenses - what better way than to slap a high fee which only a minority would be able to use.

I say - build local facilities, swimming pool onto one or both high schools. Schools or local community centres can be used for craft courses.

MRS. FLORENCE SMITH
AKINSDALE.

A typical hockey youngster offers a plea

DEAR MOM AND DAD

Please don't get mad at me for writing this letter to you. You have told me to always tell you when something is bothering me, and, well you always embarrass me when I play hockey.

At the game last night, when I was in front of the goal trying to put the puck in the net and I fell, I heard you, Mom yelling at the goalie for tripping me. Well, gosh, Mom, he's supposed to try and stop me from scoring.

Then I heard you yell at me to stay on the blue line, and I didn't know WHAT to do, You see, Mom, the coach told me to cover my man, so while I was trying to decide what to do, the other team scored. Then you yelled at me for being in the wrong position.

Remember when that big forward on the other team got a breakaway? I could hear you, Dad, yelling at me to trip him, but I caught up with him and steered him into the corner. I thought that was a pretty good move, but you or Mom didn't say anything.

And Dad, you're always yelling at me to "hit him" or "get him," but the coach says to just lean on him and steer him into the boards and that way I don't go to the penalty box.

I could have cried I was so mad the way both of you jumped on the coach after the game for benching me in the third period because I couldn't score. Well, gee whiz, he's a pretty swell guy and a good coach, and besides, he is just a volunteer who comes to the rink at all hours to help us kids cause he likes sports and he likes kids. Even the ref doesn't always get paid, and everybody really yells at him.

And then neither of you spoke to me on the way home, I guess you both were pretty mad at me for not scoring a goal. I try awfully hard, but I guess you figure I am a pretty lousy hockey player, and I guess maybe I am, but heck, I love to play hockey. You see Mom and Dad, we just like to have a ball. Our coach says it isn't really important if a team wins as long as the players learn to play together. He says we learn things like teamwork and good sportsmanship.

Another thing, at the game last Saturday afternoon, when you couldn't come because you said you had some important things to do, everybody stood up and cheered one of our players. It sure felt good to the whole team. I wish you and Mom could have been in that crowd, DAD.

I guess what I am trying to say, Mom and Dad, is that I wish you were good sports, cause I thought I was playing hockey for fun, and to learn how to get along with others even if things don't always go nice and smooth the way we want them to.

I'm sorry I'm not as good a player as you want me to be, but I didn't know you would be so upset because I can't be a star. I still enjoy playing, but I would be really happy if only I could hear a cheer once in a while, even if you don't think I'm so good. In fact, Mom and Dad, it would give the whole team a lift, and we might even win a game once in a while.

Your son Phreddye

•Taken from the Creemore Star.

Town of St. Albert

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Due to Christmas Holidays, refuse normally picked up on Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26, will be picked up on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1975.**

Refuse normally picked up Thursday, January 1, 1976 will be picked up on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 1976.**

Residents affected are requested to have household refuse out at the curb by **7:30 a.m.** on these mornings.

New Year Levee

His Honour the Honourable Ralph G. Steinhauer, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, will hold his New Year Levee on Thursday, January 1st, 1976. This year, the Levee will be held in the Legislature Building, 109 Street and 99 Avenue.

Officers of the Canadian Forces, RCMP, and Edmonton City Police will be received from 1:15 until 1:45 p.m., and the Consular Corps and Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Public who may wish to attend will be received from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

His Honour will be accompanied in the receiving line by the Honourable Julian Koziak, Minister of Education, representing the Premier and Executive Council of Alberta.

All the world is young at Christmastime.

Author Unknown.

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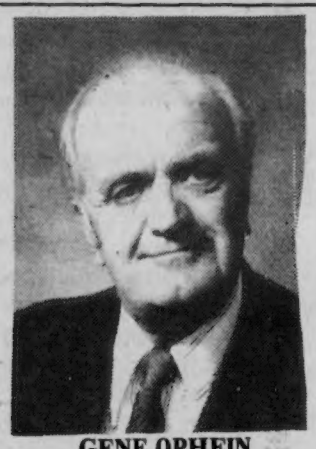
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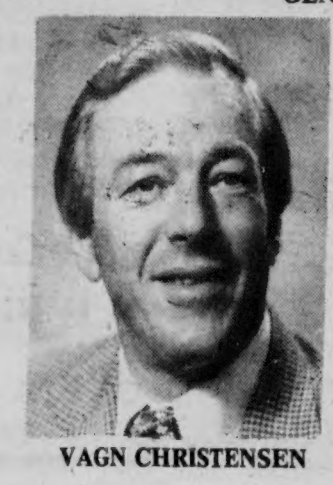
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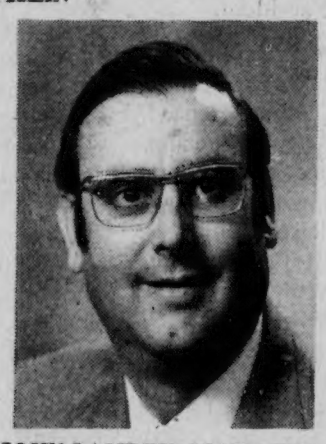
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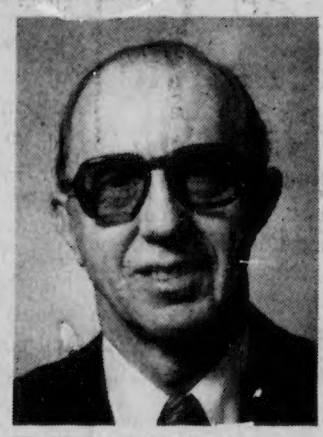
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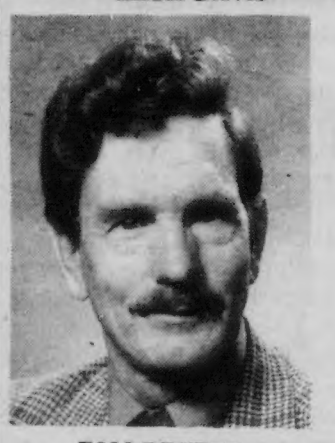
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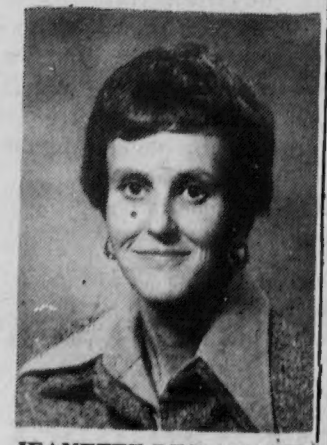
Merry Christmas
and
Best Wishes for the New Year

from all of us to all of you.

ALICE DEVINE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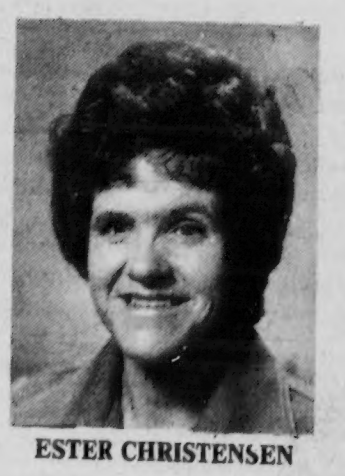
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$4000 damage done in collision

Four thousand dollars worth of damage was sustained in a two car collision on the St. Albert Trail, December 17th.

No one was hurt in the collision.

The collision occurred at 9.15 p.m.

RCMP in St. Albert said that the accident occurred when Guy Girard, , 24, of 7251 - 147th Avenue, Edmonton, was making a left turn southbound on the Trail at 137th Avenue. He hit a northbound vehicle driven by Richard Loehde, 36, of Morinville. In the Loehde vehicle was passenger Walter Krowchwnski of 12212 - 50th Street, Edmonton.

Two thousand five hundred dollars worth of damage was done to the Girard vehicle, $1,500 to the other vehicle.

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St. Albert RCMP told the Gazette last Friday that a 20 year old St. Albert man was fined $50 in provincial court last week for supplying liquor to three juveniles and two youths beneath the legal drinking age, December 5.

FATALITY ON HWY. 28

Local police are withholding the name of a woman killed in a car accident on Highway 28, December 19 at 7.10 p.m.

Her southbound vehicle hit a truck .9 miles south of the intersection with Secondary Road 635. RCMP blame icy road conditions for the accident.

The truck was driven by James Ritchie, 47, of 11941 - 41st Avenue, Edmonton.

Both drivers were taken to the Royal Alexandra Hospital for treatment to injuries. The woman died as a result of the injuries at 9.45 a.m.

Two children were accompanying the woman driver killed in the accident.

You can help prevent a blood shortage this winter. During the holiday season accident rates increase. And many people delay giving blood until holiday activity has calmed down. The Red Cross reminds you that you can be a lifesaver. Give blood this holiday season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM THE ST. ALBERT LIONS SUPPER CLUB, WE WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL THE CITIZENS OF ST. ALBERT AND DISTRICT FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Lions Club of St. Albert

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- BUDGET PRICED CHILDREN'S JEWELLERY
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- ANTI-INFLATION SPECIALS ON NUMEROUS ARTIFACTS FROM AFRICA
- ENGRAVING, RING SIZING, AND SOLDERING OF CHARMS.

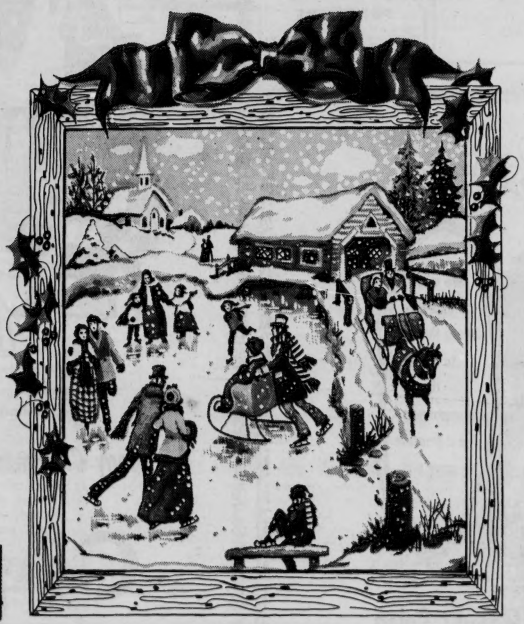
BUSINESS HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK:

MONDAY AND TUESDAY -- 11:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY -- 11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Season's Greetings

& A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



SAFEWAY

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FROM MANAGEMENT & staff
St. Albert Store

Winter Calendar to be delivered

The 1976 Winter Calendar of Recreation Activities and Further Education Courses published by the St. Albert Parks and Recreation Department will be delivered to all homes in the St. Albert area by the Post Office. Calendars should be arriving January 5 or 6 depending on delivery dates.

Included in this season's calendar are all courses offered by the St. Albert Parks and Recreation Department as well as those offered by agencies and organizations affiliated with the St. Albert and District Further Education Council.

A variety of new courses for children and adults such as leather tooling, bridge instruction, kindergym and swim, will be advertised.

The calendar is a distinctive blue and has a cover depicting the various activities offered in St. Albert.

REGISTER BY MAIL ONLY

All registration for courses this year will be by MAIL ONLY. Registration forms are included in the calendar and should be enclosed with a cheque or money order made payable to the agency offering the course and mailed to ST. ALBERT PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, TOWN HALL, ST. ALBERT. Registrations are accepted on a first come - first serve basis allowing all residents an equal opportunity to register. Please include your address and phone number on the registration forms. If classes are full, applicants will be notified by phone. Unless notified, proceed to classes. All classes, other than bridge instruction, begin the week of January 26, 1976.

Deadline for receiving registrations for all courses is January 16, 1976. Please watch the January 7 edition of the Gazette for any additional new courses not previously advertised.

In the glow of this happy season, we thank you for the loyalty you have shown. Joy to all.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF
BELMONT CREDIT UNION LTD.
133 STURGEON SHOPPING PLAZA
PHONE: 458-1133

AGT GOOD NEWS PARTY LINE

People who would like to help less fortunate families enjoy their Christmas are invited to telephone **Kinettes Donna Lauder at 459-8614 or Nancy Rayburn at 459-3523.** The Kinettes will also be happy to pick up any contributions to the Christmas Hamper.

The Youth Development Centre is in real need of used ski equipment, including older equipment. Boots, skis, poles, clothing - all could be put to excellent use for boys and girls at the Centre. Boys range from 12 - 16 years and girls from 12 - 18. Most have never skiid and it is felt to be an excellent activity for these troubled young people. Counsellor Ute Tator would be happy to pick up any items from local residents and would appreciate your call at 459-7870 or 476-1331.

PUT IT HERE
CALL OR WRITE THE EDITOR OF THIS PAPER TO INCLUDE GOOD NEWS OF EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS YOU WANT TO SHARE. COURTESY AGT

Parish Kindergarten Concert

The bright shiny faces of the children outshone any Christmas decorations when the little students of the Parish Kindergarten put on their Christmas concert. The concert was held at the V. J. Maloney School on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, 12th and 13th of December. Classes conducted by the kindergarten teachers sang and danced to full houses of admiring parents.

Santa arrived with a small gift for each child. He told Saturday's group that he had just blown in from British Columbia. Said he had been there for the last four years and had left a very disappointed man behind!

Greetings of the Season
FROM
HELTEN TRAVEL AGENCY
11 PERRON STREET PHONE: 459-6661

MERRY CHRISTMAS
All our friends and customers
J&E SANDWASHING ENTERPRISES
ABE AND BJORG CARLSON

St. Albert Beauty Salon
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Greetings
It's the season to be grateful for blessings . . . and we appreciate your continued patronage and goodwill.
Merry Christmas from Jim Byrne and staff
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My Christmas Miracle

By Taylor Caldwell

For many of us, one Christmas stands out from all the others, the one when the meaning of the day shone clearest.

Although I did not guess it, my own "truest" Christmas began on a rainy spring day in the bleakest year of my life. Recently divorced, I was in my 20's, had no job and was on my way downtown to go the rounds of the employment offices. I had no umbrella, for my old one had fallen apart, and I could not afford another one. I sat down in the streetcar, and there against the seat was a beautiful silk umbrella with a silver handle inlaid with gold and flecks of bright enamel. I had never seen anything so lovely.

I examined the handle and saw a name engraved among the golden scrolls. The usual procedure would have been to turn in the umbrella to the conductor, but on impulse I decided to take it with me and find the owner myself. I got off the streetcar in a downpour and thankfully opened the umbrella to protect myself. Then I searched a telephone book for the name on the umbrella and found it. I called, and a lady answered.

Yes, she said in surprise, that was her umbrella, which her parents, now dead, had given her for a birthday present. But, she added, it had been stolen from her locker at school (she was a teacher) more than a year before. She was so excited that I forgot I was looking for a job and went directly to her small house. She took the umbrella, and her eyes filled with tears.

The teacher wanted to give me a reward, but - though twenty dollars was all I had in the world - her happiness at retrieving this special possession was such that to have accepted money would have spoiled something. We talked for a while, and I must have given her my address. I don't remember.

The next six months were wretched. I was able to obtain only temporary employment here and there, for a small salary, though this was what they now call the Roaring Twenties. But I put aside twenty-five or fifty cents when I could afford it for my little girl's Christmas presents. (It took me six months to save eight dollars) My last job ended the day before Christmas, my thirty dollar rent was soon due, and I had fifteen dollars to my name - which Peggy and I would need for food. She was home from her convent boarding school and was excitedly looking forward to her gifts the next day, which I had already purchased. I had bought her a small tree, and we were going to decorate it that night.

The stormy air was full of the sound of Christmas merriment as I walked from the streetcar to my small apartment. Bells rang and children shouted in the bitter dusk of the evening, and windows were lighted and everyone was running and laughing. But there would be no Christmas for me, I knew, no gifts, no remembrance whatsoever. As I struggled through the snowdrifts, I just about reached the lowest point in my life. Unless a miracle happened I would be homeless in January, foodless, jobless. I had prayed steadily for weeks, and there had been no answer but this coldness and darkness, this harsh air, this abandonment. God and men had completely forgotten me. I felt old as death, and as lonely. What was to become of us?

I looked in my mailbox. There were only bills in it, a sheaf of them, and two white envelopes which I was sure contained more bills. I went up three dusty flights of stairs, and I cried, shivering in my thin coat. But I made myself smile so I could greet my little daughter with a pretense of happiness. She opened the door for me and threw herself in my arms, screaming joyously and demanding that we decorate the tree immediately.

Peggy was not yet six years old, and had been alone all day while I worked. She had set our kitchen table for our evening meal, proudly, and put pans out and the three cans of food which would be our dinner. For some reason, when I looked at those pans and cans, I felt brokenhearted. We would have only hamburgers for our Christmas dinner tomorrow, and gelatin. I stood in the cold little kitchen, and misery overwhelmed me. For the first time in my life, I doubted the existence of God and His mercy, and the coldness in my heart was colder than ice.

The doorbell rang and Peggy ran fleetly to answer it, calling that it must be Santa Claus. Then I heard a man talking heartily to her and went to the door. He was a delivery man, and his arms were full of big parcels, and he was laughing at my child's frenzied joy and her dancing. "This is a mistake," I said, but he read the name on the parcels and they were for me. When he had gone I could only stare at the boxes. Peggy and I sat on the floor and opened them. A huge doll, three times the size of the one I had bought for her. Gloves. Candy. A beautiful leather purse. Incredible! I looked for the name of the sender. It was the teacher, the address simply "California," where she had moved.

Our dinner that night was the most delicious I had ever eaten. I could only pray in myself, "Thank You, Father." I forgot I had no money for the rent and only fifteen dollars in my purse and no job. My child and I ate and laughed together in happiness. Then we decorated the little tree and marveled at it. I put Peggy to bed and set up her gifts around the tree, and a sweet peace flooded me like a benediction. I had some hope again. I could even examine the sheaf of bills without cringing. Then I opened the two white envelopes. One contained a cheque for thirty dollars from a company I had worked for briefly in the summer. It was, said a note, my "Christmas bonus." My rent!

The other envelope was an offer of a permanent position with the government - to begin two days after Christmas. I sat with the letter in my hand and the cheque on the table before me, and I think that was the most joyful moment of my life up to that time.

The church bells began to ring. I hurriedly looked at my child, who was sleeping blissfully, and ran down to the street. Everywhere people were walking to church to celebrate the birth of the Saviour. People smiled at me and I smiled back. The storm had stopped, the sky was pure and glittering with stars.

"The Lord is born!" sang the bells to the crystal night and the laughing darkness. Someone began to sing, "Come, all ye faithful!" I joined in and sang with the strangers all about me.

I am not alone at all, I thought. I was never alone at all.

And that, of course, is the message of Christmas. We are never alone. Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the world seemingly most indifferent. For this is still the time God chooses.

Reprinted from the Dec. 24, 1961 issue of Family Weekly.

Christmas Greetings

and all good wishes for a

Happy
New Year

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CHRISTMAS DAY BOXING DAY NEW YEAR'S DAY

TOWN OF ST. ALBERT

Season's Greetings

and

Every Good Wish

for the Coming Year

As is our custom and pleasure during the festive season, we extend to all our best wishes.

May yours be a happy and harmonious Yuletide and may the New Year bring you peace and contentment.

Mayor, Council and Staff

Witnesses suffer savage persecution in Malawi

"Thousands of Christians are now under brutal persecution in Malawi," declared Tom Moss, presiding overseer of the St. Albert Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. "Starting August 19, 1975, more than 34,000 Jehovah's Witnesses from Malawi, who fled as refugees to Mozambique in 1972 because of severe persecution, were forced to return to Malawi and now experience brutal persecution again. All of this is because of their refusal to join a political party."

Mr. Moss said he had received a report from K. A. Little at the Toronto Headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in Canada. Little said that when a group of Jehovah's Witnesses arrived at the Malawi border, the Minister for the Central Region, Mr. Kumbweza Banda, greeted them: "We welcome you with both hands. You left Malawi of your own accord and now you have returned of your own accord. The Malawi Congress Party is still in power in this country. Go back to your home villages and co-operate with the party officials." Then, referring to the members of the League of Malawi Youth, he said: "My boys are here to see that you do co-operate with the Party." Soon roads in the north and central regions of Malawi were filled with Jehovah's Witnesses on their way back to their home villages.

REFUSE POLITICAL CARDS

In some instances the Witnesses were allowed to enter their villages and take up occupancy of houses they abandoned in 1972. However, in most cases Youth Leaguers soon called to ask if they were prepared to buy political party cards. Referring to Jesus' example of political neutrality, the Witnesses refused. Immediately beatings, rapings and other atrocities began again and many were driven from their homes. In Kanchenche six Witness women were all raped by several men. In Sosola village a group of men and women, including the local Member of Parliament, Mr. Elson Muluzi, seized the possessions of the Witnesses and drove them from the village.

Early in September youths under the direction of the Kasonjola branch of the Malawi Congress Party visited homes of Jehovah's Witnesses in six villages, demanding they buy party cards. When they refused, the youths stole all their belongings, subjected them to terrible beatings and urinated on the supply of flour that these refugees had brought with them, making it unfit for food.

BRUTAL BEATINGS

In other locations the Witnesses were stripped naked, their hair burned off their bodies with torches and beaten until blood came out of their mouths and noses. This happened at Chimasongwe village in Lilongwe under the direction of the local chairman of the Youth League, Mr. Chipukupuku, while the attackers were urged on by local women members of the League of Malawi women.

Because no one will accept them, many Witnesses have been forced to wander in the cities by day, sleeping in nearby forests at night. Upward of 4,800 fled to neighboring Zambia, but reports just received say they were repatriated to Malawi by force.

FAMILIES BROKEN UP

Dr. H. Kamuzu Banda, life president of Malawi, recently instructed the Malawi police to round up adult Jehovah's Witnesses and put them in detention camps. The children are being left behind either to stay with relatives or fend for themselves. The government order applies this even to nursing infants. The police have ruthlessly executed this order. Whole congregations of Witnesses, men and women, have been rounded up and put in detention to further pressure them into buying political party membership cards and to prevent flight from Malawi, according to the latest reports.

Town of St. Albert

ELECTION HELP WANTED

The Town of St. Albert requires the services of persons for the position of Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks for the forthcoming election on Bylaw 37/75 and question to be held Tuesday, January 13, 1976. Remunerations: Deputy Returning Officer (Basic) $45.00, Poll Clerks (Basic) $40.00 - Plus 5 cents per voting elector. Applications in writing will be received by the undersigned until Friday, January 2, 1975.

Applicants are requested to state their Name, address, phone number and previous election experience.

R. B. BOWEN
RETURNING OFFICER
TOWN HALL
ST. ALBERT, ALBERTA.

Town of St. Albert

NOTICE OF ADVANCE POLL

Notice is hereby given that an advance poll will be held on Friday, January 9, 1976 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex for the vote of the electors on Bylaw No. 33/75 re. recreation cultural complex and the question on annexation to the Town of St. Albert of certain lands to be used for Park and Industrial purposes.

Persons authorized to vote at the advance poll are the electors:

(a) Who have reason to believe that they will be absent from the Town during the whole time fixed for the election.

OR

(b) Who by reason of physical disability find it impossible or extremely difficult to attend at the regular polling place.

R. B. BOWEN
RETURNING OFFICER.

- from the staff - St. Albert branch

Town of St. Albert

Public Notice

Qualification of Voters

The Council of the Town of St. Albert have, by Bylaw No. 64/72 eliminated the necessity of a list of electors and instead have provided that every elector shall subscribe to a declaration that he is qualified to vote. Also in a Bylaw No. 35/71 council has enacted that all electors of the town are authorized to vote on any or all bylaws requiring the assent of the proprietary electors.

The **qualifications of a voter for the election on Bylaw No. 33/75 and the question shall be:**

1. The full age of eighteen years on or before January 13, 1976.
2. His name appears upon the last revised assessment roll in respect of land or business liable to taxation, or
3. The owner of land liable to taxation for general municipal purposes and of which there is no purchaser, or
4. The owner or purchaser of a business liable to taxation for general municipal purposes, and
5. That you are not otherwise disqualified from voting.

OR

He is a Canadian Citizen or British Subject and has resided in Alberta for six consecutive months immediately proceeding December 3, 1975 and is or will be a resident in the Town of St. Albert on Tuesday, January 13, 1976.

OR

A Corporation or a church or other religious organization or an estate that is a proprietary elector is entitled to one vote only. The representative shall be of the full age of 18 years but before voting he shall produce a certificate

(a) from the head office of the Corporation or from its principal office within Alberta, or
(b) from the local governing body of the church or religious organization, or
(c) from the executor or Administrator of the estate, authorizing him to represent it.

Any inquiries should be directed to the Town Hall - Phone 459-6601.

Services held for Lois Brewster

The Reverend T. McKnight, a friend of the family, conducted funeral services December 13th from St. Albert United Church for Lois Brewster who died December 10th at the age of 49 years. Interment followed in Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Organist was Diane Wright and hymns chosen by the family were Rock of Ages and Nearer My God To Thee.

Pallbearers, all members of the St. Albert Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion were Karl Hanneman, Ollie Kendel, Vern Tompkins, Doug Taylor, Denis Taylor, Wally Swenarchuk and Rudy Schribar.

Honourary pallbearers from the Legion Auxiliary were Marie Eschak, June Kendel, Pauline Swenarchuk, Shirley Sorsdahl, Joanne Cockwill, Thyra Schribar, Nell Liptak and Shirley Lefebvre.

Lois, daughter of Andor and Rose Olberg, was born at Padstow, Alberta, about 10 miles from Rochfort Bridge where the family moved later and Lois grew up.

After her marriage to Ivan Brewster the couple moved about in connection with Ivan's work in the logging business and Lois sometimes stayed with her sister and her husband, Joe and Ethel Bussche when her children were small.

In 1957 they bought a house near Bussches and later moved to Mill Drive. For the past three years they were in their new home on Spruce Crescent.

Over the past 18 years Lois was active in the community and a hard working member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, St. Albert Branch. She helped with the minor hockey program and was an enthusiastic booster for the St. Albert Arena, driving many miles and making scores of calls to collect funds for the project. A favourite hobby was collecting antiques. For about a year the Brewsters owned the Coffee Cup on Grandin Mall, which Lois operated.

Not long before she went into hospital Mrs. Brewster had visited the schools in St. Albert for the Legion Poppy Campaign. During the past three years, with her children grown, Lois assisted her husband in his business.

She was stricken with a massive heart seizure early on the morning of November 26th. After speaking with her husband in Slave Lake on the mobile telephone she realized she was not well, and called her sister Ethel. By the time Ethel and Joe arrived at her home Lois was in severe pain and they got her to hospital immediately. However she never fully recovered consciousness although she lingered for two weeks.

Her husband, Ivan, after talking to his wife also decided that Lois didn't sound like herself, and came back to the telephone soon after to phone home. Which was fortunate as he would have been very difficult to contact otherwise.

For the Brewster family it was the third death in two months, Ivan having lost a sister-in-law, Joan, two months earlier and his brother Stan in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan only three days afterwards.

Mrs. Brewster is survived by her husband Ivan; five children, daughters Gale and Sandra in Edmonton, daughter Debbie and sons Darrel and Dale of St. Albert; two grandchildren, Shayne and Carol; one sister and three brothers, Ethel of St. Albert; Dick of Barrhead, George of Boyle and Harry of Rochfort Bridge.

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AROUND TOWN

Lynn Scow of Morgan Crescent was the winner of the Grandin Bowl free draw on a combination record player-stereo for the Christmas season, Manager of Grandin Mall, Mr. Gerry Belke drew the ticket on Wednesday afternoon at the bowling lanes and Doug Hall, manager of Grandin Bowl made the presentation to Lynn, who is a bowler in the Tuesday mixed league.

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Bob Coles, who has been working at Yellowknife, is back in town to spend the holiday with his family and friends in St. Albert, and reports that he is having second thoughts about returning to Yellowknife in the new year.

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Arnie and Dodie Bailey will be in Hawaii for two weeks during the Christmas season.

** ** **

Jim and Shorty Leddy and their family left last week to spend Christmas in Mexico. They will visit Shorty's sister and family, former St. Albert residents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Horowko in Vancouver and continue down the coast.

** ** **

A little bit of Hawaii came to Fenwick Crescent on Friday night, December 19 when the Andersons held their annual Christmas party Friends and neighbours of Laura and Alan arrived at the party to find that this year's theme was Hawaiian. Leis were given to guests and all the exotic dishes of a Hawaiian feast, cooked and prepared to gourmet standards, were part of the evening's entertainment. The Andersons enjoy including some special delicacy on the menu. This year, for those who wanted it, octopus was available.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would give Him a lamb;
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part.
But what can I give Him?
Give my heart!

Christina G. Rossetti

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When God's timepiece indicated the time had come for Christ to be born, He carefully selected the parents who would provide the home where He would grow up.

Little is said about Joseph, but he must have honoured and revered God above all else. Pope John XXIII decreed that Joseph be given extra honour by inserting his name after that of Mary in the Mass. However, such honour is insignificant in light of the honour God gave him.

Mary, most honoured woman, queen of mothers, and mother of our Saviour, bore herself in a worthy manner as the most honoured mother of the human race. Yet she was not the mother of God, nor does the Scripture provide any basis to defy or worship her.

It was because Mary "found favour with God" that all nations call her blessed.

Joseph and Mary provided a godly home on earth for the Son of God. Today, God still seeks men and women of a humble spirit where the Son comes to dwell within. Our complete submission to Him opens the door to the living Christ in our lives. His Lordship in your life and home this Christmas will give you a joy and peace never before experienced.

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11:00 a.m. Family Worship Service - Guest Pastor: Dr. G. Rode.
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CHRISTMAS DAY -- MAIN CHURCH
11:00 A.M. AND 12:30 P.M.
NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE
NEW YEAR'S EVE - 8:00 P.M. - MAIN CHURCH
NEW YEAR'S DAY - Main Church 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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Word 'give' sums up Christmas

A MESSAGE BY REV. B. L. HEATH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Words that best describe this season of the year are: give, splendor, adoration, eloquence, virtue, heaven, hope, harmony, happiness, purity, liberty and love.

Let us consider the word "give" that so sums up the Christmas season. The word is used about 2000 times in the Bible. God's giving a Saviour to the world began by the giving of his unique Son on Calvary's cross. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." To take the giving out of Christianity would have it to fall apart. All other religious demand that men give a sacrifice, but in Christianity we have the only world religion that gave the sacrifice for all mankind.

Multitudes miss the spiritual concept of the yuletide season because they have failed before the temptation of covetousness. This sin is the earnest longing for something which belongs to another.

Jehovah, the Lord of Hosts, states emphatically, "Fear not, little flock, for it is the Father's good pleasure to give to you the Kingdom. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour for to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins."

"Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus."

Christmas is for Children

A MESSAGE FROM NOEL GORDON, MINISTER BRAESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

It is often said, "Christmas is for children," and I think that there is more truth in this than we often realize. Christmas is for children - at least, for those who have not lost the childlike quality that greets life with openness, wonder, trust and possibility.

Our adult world is too often characterized by skepticism, cynicism, and mistrust, but a child has not yet learned to doubt the possibility of the impossible. A star that moves across the sky leading men to the Son of God, a multitude of angels appearing to shepherds with a message about peace on earth is all quite possible to a child. But then, why wouldn't God send His Son as a gift to those He loves? "This is impossible for men, but not for God; everything is possible for God." It is perfectly plausible.

Christmas is for those who retain the childlike capacity to wonder - to marvel - to trust - to believe - to receive it all as a gift. After all, who are the wise in this world? It may be that children can see what older eyes cannot see - that reality is actually to be found in that marvellous possible impossibility called faith - even the faith of a little child.

Remember the words of Jesus when He spoke to a group of the religious scholars of His day. "Let the children come to me ... because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

"Christmas is for children," at least the children of faith in the family of God. Maybe that is why the Almighty Lord of creation comes to us in the way He did at Bethlehem - as a child. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given ... and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Masses spread out for Christmas eve

St. Albert Parish can no longer accommodate all of its people in the Church on the Hill for one Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and this year arrangements have been made for four Midnight Mass services and one at 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Father Jake Joly will conduct a service for young people at 9 p.m. in the main church, when the junior choir will be singing.

Father Al Roy will say Midnight Mass in the main church with music by the senior choir under the direction of John Hermans.

Midnight Mass will be said by Father Joly at the Vincent J. Maloney School, with the Good News choir directed by Monty Gannon.

Father Fred Groleau will hold Midnight Mass at Albert Lacombe school with the Mini Pitch Singers.

At St. Joseph's Seminary Father Ferd Thibault will say Midnight Mass and Victor Douziech will conduct the French choir.

Masses on Christmas morning will be at 11 a.m. and 12:30.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

WINTER - Lynn and Stan are happy to announce the arrival of Krista Lynn on Sunday, December 14th, weighing in at 7 lbs. 3 ozs., a sister for Howie, Leslie and Kari. Proud grandparents are, June and Fred Winters of St. Albert and Doris Winter of Toronto, Ontario. Many thanks to Dr. Gramlich, Dr. Read and nursing staff of the Sturgeon General Hospital of St. Albert for the wonderful care given to both mother and baby.

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Christmas recipes from overseas

New recipes are fun to try, especially when they're quite different from the family favorites.

COOKIES FROM SWEDEN - KLENATER

Ingredients: 4 egg yolks, ¼ cup sugar, ½ cup butter, 1¾ cups flour, 1 tblsp. of Brandy. 1 tblsp. grated lemon rind. Oil for deep frying. To decorate icing sugar.

Method: Put all the ingredients in a bowl and beat with a wooden spoon or electric mixer until well blended. Knead lightly to form a dough. Chill the mixture in fridge for one hour. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and roll out into 1/8 inch thick. Using sharp knife cut into strips ¾ inch by 4 inches long. Cut a gash in the centre and twist one end through it. Heat oil in deep fryer and fry the dough until golden brown. Drain on paper towelling. Dust with icing sugar. Eat hot or cold.

From Italy a Delicious Cake PANETTONE

Ingredients: 2 envelopes dry yeast, ½ cup lukewarm water, 1 tspn. sugar, 1½ cups lukewarm scalded milk, 3 eggs beaten, ½ cup sugar, ¼ cup soft butter, 1½ tspn. salt, ¼ tspn. allspice, 6 cups sifted flour, ½ cup raisins, ½ cup chopped mixed candied fruit, ½ cup chopped almonds, ½ cup chopped candied lemon peel.

Method: Dissolve yeast in ½ cup lukewarm water with 1 tspn. sugar. Add milk, eggs, sugar, butter, salt, allspice and mix well.

Gradually mix in flour. Cover with damp cloth, and let rise for 30 minutes in a warm oven. Stir dough down. Add raisins, candied fruit, almonds and candied lemon peel. Stir until well mixed. Spoon dough into three well greased 1 pound cake pans. Let rise. Bake for 45 minutes at 375. Let stand 5 minutes before removing from tins.

From Germany comes Stollen which dates back to the 15th Century when it was made by the monastries in Germany.

STOLLEN

Ingredients: 3 envelopes dry yeast, 1 tblsp. sugar, 1½ cups lukewarm scalded milk. 7¼ cups all purpose flour, 1½ cups of butter or margarine, ¾ cups of sugar. 3 eggs. 1½ tspn. salt. 2 tspn. grated lemon rind. 1½ cups raisins, 1 cup blanched almonds chopped, 3 tblsp. melted butter or margarine, 1½ cups icing sugar. 2 tblsp. boiling water. 1 tblsp. lemon juice.

Method: Dissolve yeast and 1 tblsp. sugar in the milk. Beat in 1½ cups flour, cover and let rise in a warm place for several hours. In large bowl, beat butter or margarine until soft, add sugar, blending until creamy Add eggs, one at a time beating well after each addition. Add salt and grated rind. Turn into yeast batter, and beat to incorporate. Sprinkle a little of the remaining flour over raisins and almonds and stir into batter. Add remaining flour gradually to mixture. Knead until dough is smooth and elastic. Cover dough and let rise until doubled in bulk. Remove to floured board; divide into four parts and shape each into a uniform oval ½ inch thick. Fold each almost in half. Lightly roll the folded dough to set fold. Place well apart on lightly greased baking sheets and brush with melted butter or margarine. Again let rise until doubled. Bake in a preheated oven (375 F) for about 30-35 minutes. Let stand about 15 minutes, then remove to a cooling tray. When quite cool spread icing on tops and sides. Makes four loaves.

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Sarangi - Khushal wedding

Zarin Khushal, youngest daughter of the late Mr. J. Khushal and Mrs. Khushal of Nairobi, Kenya, and Zulfikar Sarangi, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sarangi of Kampala, Uganda, were married on November 23. The Mukhi, Mr. Sadru Hirani of Shia Imami Ismailia Jamat, performed the wedding ceremony at the Club Mocombo.

The bride is a third year Pharmacy student at the University of Belgarde, Yugoslavia, and will be returning after a two-month break for her wedding to complete her degree studies. The groom was also a student at the Belgrade University, graduating with B.Sc. honours in Geology, and is presently working in Edmonton and living in St. Albert.

The bride wore a beautiful white sari elaborately embroidered in gold thread and carried white carnations. She wore gold jewellery, gifts from her parents and the groom's parents.

Bridesmaid Shehnaz Sadrudin of Edmonton wore a sari of soft burnt orange featuring a triangular gold-embroidered bodice. The groom was attended by Mr. Amin Waiji, best man. Azim and Fiaz Sarangi, youngest brothers of the groom also took part in the wedding.

Following the ceremony dinner was served for about 200 guests following as closely as possible the customary wedding foods of the Ismailia Moslem people. Friends of the groom's family assisted the caterer in the preparation.

A special guest at the wedding was the bride's brother, Mr. Sadru Khushal who flew from Nairobi and spent four days here. Also attending were members of the groom's family from Vancouver and Calgary, but the family missed the presence of the eldest son Dr. Sarangi and his wife and family from Cincinnati, Ohio.

On the evening preceding the wedding, friends gathered at the Sarangi home in Edmonton for the traditional preparation of the bride and groom for the wedding. As far as possible in a different country all the arrangements, made by Dr. and Mrs. Zafar Hameed of St. Albert and Mr. and Mrs. H. Somji of Edmonton followed the traditions of the couple's families. However other traditions creep in and the guests enjoyed a beautifully decorated wedding cake in the custom of this country.

When the bride completes her studies she will return, in about a year, and the happy couple will make their home in Edmonton.

MR. & MRS. ZULFIKAR SARANGI

Scenes from Simpson

By Cheryl Koshman

For the last two weeks we've been getting right into the Christmas spirit, starting off with a fashion show on December 11 at 7:30. The 18 models were from the grade 9 clothing and textiles option, under the instruction of Mrs. P. Rogers, and were modelling their own creations. Doing the commentating was Sharon Ryan, who first modelled her corduroy blazer and skirt. The outfits were mainly suits with matching pants or skirts and vests or blazers. The home economics room was beautifully decorated giving a Christmasy livingroom effect, with groups of couches cozily arranged around the room, instead of the usual rows of chairs. The fashion show was attended by parents of the girls, and Simpson teachers. Hot punch and Christmas cake were served, and a very pleasant evening was had by everyone who came.

Our second annual Christmas band concert was on December 17, at 7:30. The emcees were Mary-Jane Nelson, and Carolyn Jones. The concert went very well, with over 400 adults attending.

Everyone got into the Christmas spirit at our Christmas dance (complete with mistletoe) on Thursday, December 18. "Moonshine" was playing and they did a fantastic job.

Basketball inter-school games won't start until the New Year.

December 23 is the last day of school this year, and we'll be dismissed at 1:45. School starts again on January 5, 1976.

We at Simpson would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year!

AROUND TOWN

Dr. Metz of St. Albert Animal Clinic is spending the Christmas holiday with her family and friends in Holland, her first trip back since 1972.

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Leo Nickerson News

"'Tis the season" and the Leo Nickerson School wants to invite all parents to its Christmas program at 7:30 p.m., Monday, December 22 at Lorne Akins Junior High School auditorium. (The gymnasium at Nickerson School is stageless and acoustically unsound for such a performance).

The Division 1 (grades 1, 2 and 3) students will be presenting a Christmas pageant with the school chorus and kindergarten classes adding some items. Mrs. Budd, the school music specialist, is directing the show. There will be no admission charge - Christmas is a time of giving and the school wishes to share some of its activities with you.

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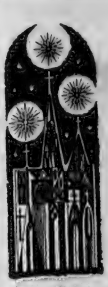

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Melodies of the Past ...the Charm of Music Boxes

If you had been alive one hundred years ago and wished to play Christmas music in your home, you would not have been able to switch on the phonograph or radio. Perhaps you would have wound up a music box and listened to a fragile, bell-toned reproduction of "Adeste Fideles" or "O Tannenbaum."

For centuries before the music box was developed, inventors searched for ways of reproducing music without actually playing it. The principle on which music boxes operate was discovered early in the Middle Ages: a musical tone could be produced by vibrating a piece of metal, and melodies could be played by using pieces of various sizes and shapes. The problem for the first inventors, however, was discovering how to activate the metal pieces mechanically.

The modern music box, however, was not invented until late in the eighteenth century. At this time the Swiss developed cylinder music boxes, in which pins projecting from tin or brass cylinders caused tiny hammers to strike bells. Steel teeth mounted on combs produced the sounds. At first each tooth was mounted on a separate comb, but early in the nineteenth century the French began putting all the teeth on one comb. To produce different tunes in the early boxes it was necessary to change either the pins or the entire cylinder. In later years several combs, each containing one or more complete melodies, were included in one box.

As these cylinder boxes became more popular and the craftsmen producing them grew in expertise, musical movements began to be included in items of all sizes, from letter seals to grandfather clocks. The best sound, however, came from medium-size boxes, large enough to allow reverberation but small enough to prevent distortion.

The last major innovation came from Germany during the nineteenth century, when disc music boxes were invented. Like cylinder boxes, disc boxes used steel combs, but in them the comb was activated by pointed metal wheels moved by pierced metal discs. The advantage of this type of box was that discs could be made quickly and relatively inexpensively, so that discs of a song could be produced and circulated before the song went out of style. For the first time, music boxes could be used for popular music.

The disc music box became very popular because of its practicality and versatility. Many people still preferred the cylinder boxes, though, believing that they were more carefully crafted because they could not easily be mass-produced.

The music box reached its peak in popularity during the last years of the nineteenth century. After that, its function was taken over by the phonograph. While music boxes will probably never again be as popular as they were a century ago, antiques, reproductions and modern boxes are all available today.

Buy them only from reputable dealers unless you are an expert yourself. Listen to a variety of boxes, both disc and cylinder, before you decide. Keep in mind that the boxes with the best tone are those large enough to allow reverberation and those made of materials with good acoustic qualities. Wood is excellent, but metal boxes tend to sound tinny. While musical movements encased in such tiny objects as jewellery or letter seals are fascinating, their musical quality is generally poor.

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Midnight Mass in log chapel welcomed young NWMP officer

A history capsule of St. Albert was provided by Mrs. Bertha Kennedy to the St. Albert Historical Society, in which she reviewed the history of the police in St. Albert from 1877 - 1944.

Students in our schools and many residents will be interested in Mrs. Kennedy's story which begins on a Christmas Eve 98 years ago.

The history of the police in St. Albert begins on December 24, 1877 when a young man arrived at the mission to attend Midnight Mass. He wore the uniform of the North West Mounted Police. This young man was Alfred Arcand. He was born at Deschambault in the province of Quebec, where he received his early education. In his 26th year, he had an irresistible urge to seek adventure in the vast, practically unexplored regions of the West. He joined the ranks of the North West Mounted Police and arrived in Alberta on January 10, 1877. After reporting to Mr. Laird the governor of the Territories, he was assigned to Fort Macleod. A few months later he was transferred to Fort Edmonton (the old fort established at the mouth of the Sturgeon River by the Hudson's Bay Company) now named Fort Saskatchewan. Here he was called upon to conclude a treaty with the Blackfeet, when specified that the Indians would respect the Whites who would seek asylum on Indian lands. It was during this time that he travelled from Fort Saskatchewan to attend Midnight Mass at Saint Albert.

The church was an old log chapel, but civilization was apparent in the decorations; candles, artificial flowers, and a creche. Wearing boots and spurs, Alfred Arcand carefully made his way to the front of the church, being careful not to step on the women and children who, Indian fashion, were squatted on the floor in the centre aisle. Bishop Grandin, assisted by Father Lestang and two other Oblates, celebrated the mass. The choir, under the direction of Sister Blanchet of the Grey Nuns, consisted of three or four other sisters, a few students from the convent and a few lay brothers. The chapel was overcrowded, but only a few were white people. Among them were Leon Harnois, the brother-in-law of Father Lacombe, and his family, and Octave Majeau with his family.

After Mass the young policeman was overjoyed to be invited to the home of Mr. Harnois, where he was greeted with cordial and joyful hospitality.

In 1880 Mr. Arcand returned to the East where he married Adele Bellisle. A few months later, accompanied by two brothers-in-law, he returned to the West. The trip was made by train as far as Winnipeg, and from there they proceeded by oxcart. The caravan was comprised of 22 persons, the youngest of which was three months old. They met with many hardships: storms, cold weather, isolation and many privations for two and a half months.

On arriving in Saint Albert, Mr. Arcand obtained a farm from an Indian who had received the land from the Government. No money was used in the transaction. In exchange for the piece of land, Mr. Arcand gave a horse and a saddle.

Besides cultivating the land, Mr. Arcand found time to teach in a small 20 x 24 foot school, known as Bellerose School. This old school is now situated in Fort Edmonton, where it has been furnished with all the equipment that a school of that time used. Many children of the early settlers began their education in this school.

In 1912 Mr. Arcand left the farm and moved to Lac La Biche, where he operated a trading post, trading foodstuffs and other necessities for the furs the Indians brought in. In 1919 he once again returned to Saint Albert and bought a larger farm, his wife having died in 1918. Mr. Arcand lived with one of his sons on the farm and died there in 1932.

The NWMP established a barracks in St. Albert in 1888. The two-storey building was situated on St. Anne Street, just west of the store now occupied by Sturgeon Electric. They stayed in St. Albert until 1896 when the town appointed its own policeman. A jail was opened in the back room of Isaac Gagnon's butcher shop. In 1903 the policemen were Messrs. Ouimet and Guertin. In 1905 Ernest Seymour was the policeman at a salary of $40.00 per month. In 1908 the police barracks became the town office. In 1924 Hank Glensinger became the policeman, and in 1927 he was succeeded by Vital Michelot. In 1944 the RCMP returned to St. Albert to take over the police duties in the town. The first two constables were Peter Paley and Doug Laubman. They were followed by constables Rosengren, Kelly and Riley.

As the town grew in size, so did the force. The detachment now consists of from 28 to 30 men. Its territory stretches from the Correction Line to the City Limits, and for 10 miles each way from Highway #2.

Christmas is more than a gift-laden tree,
It is caring and sharing ... unselfishly.
Laura Baker Haynes.

Only a night from old to new;
Only a sleep from night to morn;
The new is but the old come true;
Each sunrise sees a new year born.
Helen Hunt Jackson.

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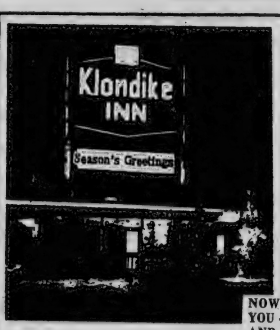

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Drinking and driving this Christmas

Did you know that it takes more than an hour for the effects to wear off of a 12-ounce bottle of beer, a three ounce glass of wine or an ounce and a half of hard liquor?

The Alberta Safety Council advises people who have to drive their car after a Christmas party to limit their drinks to one an hour and to always allow an hour between their last drink and getting into their car to drive home.

If you are the host of a Christmas party, remember you are not doing your guests a favor by pressuring them to 'have one for the road.' Instead, if you feel they have had more to drink than is safe, offer them a cup of coffee. Coffee will not sober anybody up, but it will lengthen the time between his last drink and driving his car. Time is the crucial factor in sobering up.

The Alberta Safety Council reminds social drinkers that even though they may feel they are the greatest drivers in the world, their ability to operate a car safely can be impaired when their blood contains only .05 per cent of alcohol. This level is well below the legal limit.

The Canada Safety Council reports that research studies have shown that even though an alcohol impaired driver may be able to concentrate enough to drive his vehicle down the highway and to react to information transmitted by a highway sign or lights, his brain's ability to assimilate information outside these areas is severely limited. Cars approaching from a side road, for example, or pedestrians stepping off a sidewalk will not be noticed, according to these studies.

If you have certain medical conditions or are taking prescription drugs, you should always check with your doctor to make sure that it is safe for you to drink at all when driving. Certain drugs when combined with alcohol can spell disaster!

Mystic link with the past

This Christmas morning there will be a sprig of flowering hawthorn on the Queen's breakfast table like there has been ever since her Coronation in 1952.

The unusual thing is that this sprig of hawthorn bush does not flower in the spring like its other relatives, but only around Christmas time.

There's a reason for this.

The sprig of hawthorn is sent from a bush at Glastonbury Abbey in the English West Country famed for its association with King Arthur and the Holy Grail; also the legend that Christ and one of his followers set foot in Britain in ancient times.

During that mystic visit, legend has it that Christ, or one of his followers with him at that time struck a staff on the summit of one of the "tors" (hilltops) in the West Country.

The staff flowered and slips were taken of it to commemorate the incident.

A bush in the grounds at Glastonbury Abbey is said to be offspring of that original sprig and it is from that bush that the Queen receives her Christmas morning breakfast table decoration.

A fascinating story don't you think? Particularly if it's true.

MARCEL LABONTE

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WI Christmas party - business and fun

The St. Albert Women's Institute held their Christmas party on December 16th at the home of Mrs. Ross, with 17 members present. A short meeting was held. The nominating committee consisting of Marg Iseke, Marg Fechter, and Lorraine Moore reported on their success to fill the positions of president, vice-president and one director.

New officers are Pres. - Marg Iseke, Vice-Pres. - Sadie Adam and Director - Doris Meleshko. Laura Henry will look after the tea money and sending out cards to those who are sick.

Past President, Norah Rouault was presented with a spoon as a token gift for the splendid job she did as president for the past two years. Norah had a big job as president because of the undertaking of building the Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, and proved herself to be very capable of handling every imaginable situation. We thank her very much.

A door prize was donated by Marg Iseke and won by Doris Meleshko. We had an exchange of gifts this year that was quite interesting. Before each lady opened their gift in turn, they had a choice of keeping their gift or exchanging it for one of the ladies gifts that was already opened. It was quite different and a lot of fun.

While the ladies prepared a lovely lunch, Christmas carols were sung with Laura Savoie at the piano and Mrs. Cuts leading the singing.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

We would like to take this opportunity to invite any new ladies in the community to join our WI. Women's Institute is world-wide. Basically W.I. was started for the betterment of community and country living, to educate women in nutrition etc., for raising their families and to provide a way for them to get together to exchange ideas. Today - we get together once a month to do practically the same thing - to try to make things better in the community, only now we also have a lot of fun too. We have a June get-together, an October birthday party and a Christmas party that are pretty well devoted to having fun. We have tours, handicraft and a number of things we do to provide enjoyment for our members.

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month in the members homes. For further information please feel free to call Marg Iseke - 459-6829, Norah Rouault - 459-5179, Marg Fechter - 459-8510 or Marg Dalman - 459-6354. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have about our group and let you know where the next meeting will be.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to meeting some new ladies at the next meeting and welcoming them into our W.I.

Please support our endeavour to obtain our own local ambulance service.

Change of name

A change of name has occurred for Edmonton's 762 militiamen.

Effective immediately all land reserve components from Red Deer to the North West Territories become part of the Northern Alberta Militia District with headquarters in Edmonton at the Prince of Wales Armoury.

Units affected are: The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI); 20th Field Artillery Regiment/78 Field Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery; 8th Field Engineer Regiment, Royal Canadian Engineers; 23 Medical Company and 15 (Edmonton) Service Battalion.

The district is commanded by Colonel W. G. Ames of Ardrossan.

TOWN OF ST. ALBERT

Town of St. Albert

PUBLIC NOTICE OF VOTE ON BY-LAW NO. 33/75 AND ON A QUESTION

Notice is hereby given that a vote of the electors will be held on the following:

(1) A Bylaw No. 33/75 for the purpose of authorizing Council to incur an indebtedness by the issuance of debentures for the purpose of constructing a multi-purpose recreation-cultural complex. The estimated total cost of the aforesaid project amounts to $5,300,000.00. After deducting from this cost the amount of $2,120,000.00 to be received by way of provincial grants and $323,000.00 from sale of land, the net amount to be borrowed on the credit and security of the Municipality at large by the issue of debentures is $2,855,000.00. The annual principal and interest is $267,452.91 payable over a period of twenty-five (25) years.

(2) The annexation to the Town of St. Albert of certain lands comprising the Restricted Development area (commonly referred to as the "Green Belt") and other lands to be used for Park and Industrial purposes.

The voting will take place on Tuesday, January 13, 1976 from 10 o'clock in the forenoon to 8 o'clock in the evening.

The numbers and descriptions of the polling divisions and locations are as follows:

DIVISION NO.	DIVISION IDENTIFICATIONS	POLLING STATION
1.	Goodridge, Glancester, Greenhill Garcia, Garfield, Galaxy, Grandin Gilchrist, Greenwood, Garnet, Grange, St. Albert Trail	Town Hall Annex
2.	Grosvenor, Gaylord, Glenmore, Grandin, Grandville, Greenview	Town Hall Annex
3.	Grosvenor, Granite, Grandville, and Grandora	Sir George Simpson School
4.	Gordon, Grandin, Grosvenor, Granite, Lavasseur	Sir George Simpson School
5.	Gladstone, Grantham, Gordon, Grosvenor, Garden, Gainsborough	Albert Lacombe School
6.	Gillian, Gretna, Grosvenor Gainsborough, Graham, Greer	Albert Lacombe School
7.	Glenwood, Lavasseur, Gainsborough, Georgia, Gould Glacier	Albert Lacombe School
8.	Grandview Ridge, Greenfield Estate	Albert Lacombe School
9.	Grandin Village (1 & 2)	Grandin Clubhouse
10.	Greystone, Greenwich, Geneva Grenfell	Grandin Clubhouse
11.	Gatewood, Greenbrier, Glenhaven	Grandin Clubhouse
12.	Gilmore, Gresham, Garland, Grandin, Glenhaven	Grandin Clubhouse
13.	Riel, Perron, St. Anne, St. Michael, St. Thomas, Madison, Maple, Mission, Bellerose, Sturgeon	Community Hall
14.	Mission, Mural, Mill, Mount Royal, St. Vital, Meadowview	Father Jan School
15.	St. Vital, Marion, Malmo, Michener, Montcalm, Milburn	St. Albert High School
16.	Youville Home	Youville Home
17.	Morgan, Murray, Lester, Langley	St. Albert High School
18.	Leon, Larose, Lawrence	St. Albert High School
19.	Lambert, Laurier, Linwood, Leddy, Dawson	St. Albert High School
20.	Leddy, Lloyd, Lamoureux, Latimer, Labelle, Larson, Livingston, Lorraine, Lucerne, Lockhart, Lodgepole, Landbirgh, Lancaster, Lafonde, Laydon, Larkspur	St. Albert High School
21.	Sturgeon, Birch, Belmont, Balmoral	Community Hall
22.	Bernard, Bishop, Ridgewood Terrace	Sir Alexander Mackenzie School
23.	Beacon, Burnham, Broadview	Sir Alexander Mackenzie
24.	Brentwood, Bellevue, Banting, Beaverbrook, Bocock, Bennett, Brunswick, Bradburn	Sir Alexander Mackenzie School
25.	Fleetwood, Flagstone, Flint, Forest	Lorne Akins
26.	Fair Oaks, Fairfax, Fairchild, Forest	Lorne Akins
27.	Forest, Falcon, Farmstead Fawcett, Fallhaven	Paul Kane High School
28.	Forest, Fenwick, Fermont, Finch, Flagstaff, Fernwood	Leo Nickerson
29.	Swallow, Seymore, Sorrel, Salisbury, Sycamore, Sunset	Paul Kane High School
30.	Spruce, Sylvan, Sunset, Scarborough, Sable	Paul Kane High School
31.	Sheridan, Sunset, Savoy, Sunnyside, Salisbury, Stanley	St. Vital School
32.	Sonora, Salina, Stanley, Springfield	Leo Nickerson School
33.	Amber, Alcott, Alpine, Attwood, Addison, Afton, Arlington, Akins, Aspen,	Leo Nickerson School

and

electors wishing to attend the polling places as agent for or against the bylaw or question, and at the summing up of the votes may receive the necessary appointment for this purpose at the office of the Mayor at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 9th, 1976.

and

votes will be summed up at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall on **Thursday, January 15th, 1976 at 12:00 noon.**

R. B. BOWEN
RETURNING OFFICER.

I hereby certify that the above statements are a correct summary of the bylaw No. 33/75 and of the question that is to be submitted to a vote.

R. B. BOWEN
RETURNING OFFICER.

Legislative wrap-up

From the Official Opposition

The fall session of the Alberta Legislature ended on December 15. During the 19 days of sittings the members dealt with some 50 bills.

The two major pieces of legislation, The Temporary Anti-Inflation Measures Act and The Temporary Rent Regulation Measures Act dealt with the government's response to the federal anti-inflation program. The Social Credit position, during these debates, was that the government was offering only grudging acceptance of the anti-inflation program and, in fact, violated the spirit of this program several times. For example, the rent controls provided for 10% increases in 1976 and for 9% increases in the first half of 1977. Compounded, these increases equal 19.9% over the 18 month period and exceed increases over the previous 18 month period by at least 6% -- not a very convincing way of battling inflation.

MLA salaries are to be increased by 10%, 9%, 8% and 7% over the next four years dating from April 1, 1975 to April 1, 1979. This conformed to the guidelines but it must be remembered that, later, the government revised the MLA Pension Act, a move which was opposed. This Act now stipulates that members only need to sit for five years rather than eight and also reduces the age for eligibility from 60 to 55.

The Social Credit Caucus took the position that actions such as these show no leadership by elected officials and that, with this kind of example, it would be difficult to expect many Albertans to take the government very seriously when it calls for restraint. Repeatedly we called on the Premier to outline the priorities the government has insofar as budgeting for the 18 month program is concerned. Our own position would be in the areas of shelter, health and education, as we believe these areas provide for the basic goal of equal opportunity for all Albertans.

Other areas of primary focus for the Official Opposition during the fall session included agriculture, environment, land ownership, municipal affairs and treatment of the Legislature. Walter Buck and Fred Mandeville, Social Credit MLAs for Clover Bar and Bow Valley, emphasized the problems that Alberta cow-calf producers are encountering. Dr. Buck pointed out the fact that the government had encouraged increased beef production and now has some obligation to help farmers out in their time of need. Mr. Mandeville pressed for priority to be given to inducing the federal government to institute a feasible beef stabilization program.

The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act was introduced this session and was allowed to die on the Order Paper. This will allow for much needed public input on the bill and I would welcome any comments concerned citizens have. Copies of the bill are available from my office which is Room 204, Legislative Building in Edmonton.

On Monday, December 15, Mr. Yurko, the Housing Minister, announced that Phase I of the Senior Citizens Home Improvement Grant Program would go into effect on January 1st, 1976. This phase will only apply to senior citizens who are recipients of assistance under the Alberta Assured Income Plan.

Christmas

May you find the peace, hope and love which is Christmas. With humble thanks we wish you well.

Dr. Norman Dolman

& Dr. W. Muncey

ASSOCIATE MEDICAL CENTRE
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Poinsettia

The velvety, scarlet poinsettia plant came from the hills of our neighbour, Old Mexico, although in some unknown way it migrated to Europe. Perhaps Cortez' army took plants or seeds back and presented them to the Court of Spain whence the flower spread throughout Europe; no one is sure. It was introduced into our country by Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, an American envoy to Old Mexico in the 1930's, who was a great nature-lover and spent much time roaming the Mexican hills. He was entranced by what the Mexicans called fire-flower, which grew in great profusion. The flaming blooms were so unlike any American flowers that Dr. Poinsett brought a few back to the United States and, assisted by a florist friend, experimented in raising them. It took several years to perfect the bloom, but because American florists recognized its beauty, they persisted until they succeeded. Today the poinsettia - named for its finder - is one of our popular Christmas flowers.

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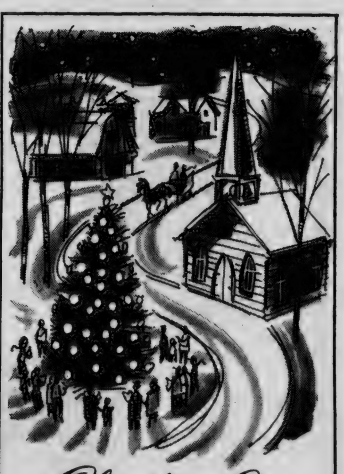

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Christmas message from Premier Lougheed

Christmas symbolizes peace and goodwill - and here in the Province of Alberta we can enjoy this blessing as much or even more than any other place in the world.

We have many blessings in Alberta and when we list our blessings as Canadians, let us not forget to count the freedoms we continue to enjoy. In this spirit of freedom and goodwill we in the Province of Alberta can help our country - and we as Canadians can be a compassionate good neighbor in the world community.

Christmas is also a time for children - a time when families are reunited and a time when most people the world over put forth that extra effort to project peace and goodwill.

I sincerely hope that as many citizens of Alberta as possible will share in the peace and goodwill that is associated with this season of the year. But let us not lose sight of those among us for whom Christmas can be very lonely and difficult - those who may be separated from loved ones - those who suffer from poor health and those who are less fortunate.

It is this prayer that is in my heart at this time: may there by joyful peace for all of us, each in our own home, our community, our province and our country and may we continue to be blessed with peace of heart and gladness of spirit, not only at this time, but throughout the year ahead.

I welcome this opportunity to extend Season's Greetings to you all, on behalf of the Government of Alberta.

Peter Lougheed
Premier.

At Christmastime, these are
the things I know:
Fragrance of pine, air frosted,
keen with snow;
Laughter of children, raised in
glad surprise;
Breathless expectancy; the
smiling eyes
Of friends with gifts white-clad
and ribbon-tied;
Odor of good things cooking.
There abide
The dearest things I know
in all the earth:
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Author Unknown.

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Cristmas recipes from overseas

NORWAY - MOR MONSENS KAKER

Mother Monsen's cakes are traditional Norwegian fare prepared for Christmas. Makes about 30.

Ingredients: 1½ cups butter or margarine, 1½ cups sugar, 3 eggs, 1¼ cups flour, ¾ cups chopped blanched almonds, ½ cup currants, ½ tspn. vanilla essence.

Method: Place butter and sifted sugar in a bowl and beat together until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in lightly beaten eggs. Mix in flour and vanilla essence. Spread mixture in a 13 in. by 9 in. greased jelly roll pan and scatter top with almonds and currants. Bake in a moderately hot oven (375 deg. F) for 20 - 25 minutes until surface is golden brown. Leave to cool in pan. With sharp knife cut into small triangles or squares.

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SWEDISH GINGER COOKIES [Pepparkakor]

Ingredients: 1 cup butter or margarine, 1½ cups sugar, 1 egg, 1½ tblspns. grated orange peel, 2 tblspns dark corn syrup, 1 tblspn. water, 3¼ cups sifted enriched flour, 2 tspns. soda, 2 tspns. cinnamon, 1 tspn. ginger, ½ tspn. cloves, blanched almonds.

Method: Thoroughly cream butter and sugar. Add eggs and beat until light and fluffy. Add orange peel, corn syrup, and water; mix well. Sift together dry ingredients. Stir into creamed mixture. Chill dough thoroughly. On lightly floured surface, roll to 1/8 inch. Cut in desired shapes with floured cookie cutter. Place one inch apart on ungreased baking sheet. Top each cookie with ½ blanched almond. Bake in moderate oven (375F) 8 - 10 minutes. Cool on rack. *For sparkly look, sprinkle rolled dough with sugar, then press it in lightly.

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From the sunkissed country of Greece a shortbread with an interesting difference.

Ingredients: 1 lb. butter unsalted, 3 tblspns icing sugar, 2 egg yolks, 2 tblspns. whisky or cognac, 4½ cups all purpose flour, 1 tspn. vanilla or almond essence.

Method: Melt butter to boiling point. Remove foam from top of butter. (If you are using salted butter, let stand for 20 minutes after bringing it to boiling point, so salt in the butter would settle to the bottom. Remove this salt). Pour butter into mixing bowl and beat until slightly white and thick. Stir into butter, egg yolks, whiskey, flavouring and sugar. Gradually add the flour and knead thoroughly. Dough must be kneaded until it cracks when squeezed in the hands. Roll out on lightly floured board and cut into desired shapes. Place in 350 degree F. oven and bake until delicate golden. Sprinkle generously with icing sugar.

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From Britain comes a Rum Trifle, a favourite anytime of the year.

Ingredients: 1 pkg. jello, 1 large can fruit cocktail, 3 tblspns. custard powder, 3 tblspns sugar, 2½ cups milk, 1 pkg. dream whip, 1 small sponge cake, choc. strands or colourful trimitts optional.

Method: Place cut-up sponge cake in the bottom of a glass bowl. Drain juice from canned fruit and mix half with jello. Make jello, cool in fridge until nearly set. Pour the other half of the juice over the sponge and then pour the rum (to taste) over the moist sponge cake. Make custard (following instructions on can) leave to cool. Pour cooled jello onto the sponge cake. Place canned fruit in jello. Pour cooled custard on fruit and jello. Top with dream whip (instructions according to pkg.). If desired sprinkle with choc. strands or trimitts.

MISTLETOE MULL [ALSO FROM BRITAIN]

Ingredients: 2 bottles of burgandy or cheap red wine, 4 lemons, 2 cups sugar, 8 cloves, 4 cups water, 8 sticks cinnamon (or ground cinnamon equivalent).

Method: Boil water with sugar, cinnamon and cloves for five minutes. Add lemon thinly sliced and allow to stand for 10 minutes. Add wine and heat slowly but do not allow to boil. Put it in a pitcher or jug and serve very hot.

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Just for Today

Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that, "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study, I will learn something useful, I will not be a mental loafer, I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

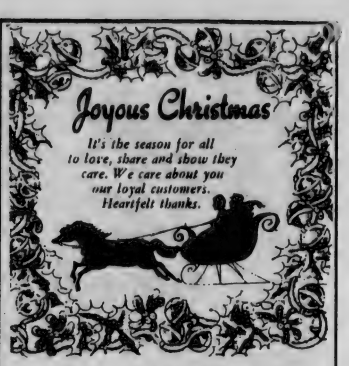
Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out; if anybody knows of it, it will not count, I will do at least two things I don't want to do - just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything, and not try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. It will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

Just for today I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.



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Like swift-winged swallows upon their way.
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They circle and swing, they lean and sway.

The wind dies down with the coming night;
The purple and crimson afterglow
Is darkly etched with the eager flight
Where the swaying, swinging skaters go.

Their laughter echoes, their voices ring,
Forward and backward they swoop and wheel -
Sharp on the air the zip and zing
Where the ice is cut by the flying steel.

Low in the west a star's clear flame;
The red-lit river grows dark at last;
A boy's voice calls another's name -
Already the supper hour is past.

The clank of unloosed skates, the tread
Of tingling feet on the frozen ground.
And hungry as wolves, and ready for bed,
The tired skaters are homeward bound.

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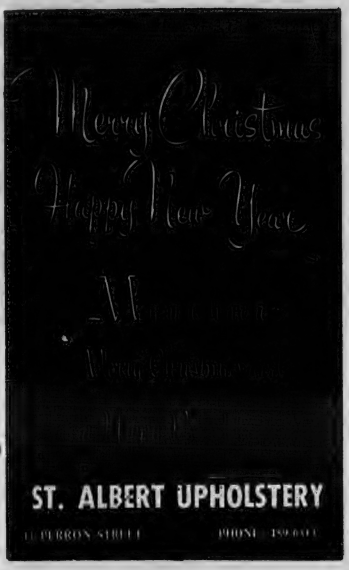
The message of Christmas is peace and brotherhood. Although our own country is not at war, there is conflict in many parts of the world today. Our prayers and support of peacekeeping efforts are needed to bring about the "Peace on Earth" which is our seasonal wish for all mankind.

The brotherhood of man is the ideal goal toward which each one of us can work. Everyone is our neighbour and we are our brother's keeper. We can achieve goodwill toward men if we follow the teachings of Christ and help those less fortunate than ourselves not only during the Christmas season but all through the year.

Christmas is particularly a happy time for children as it reminds us of the birth of the Holy Child. Let us teach our children the true meaning of this blessed season as they enjoy the fruits of this country's prosperity.

My wife joins me in wishing each and everyone a very merry Christmas.



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The most beautiful toy

By Jim McIntyre

If you had a few minutes to think about what is the most beautiful toy, or what toy you would like to have had as a child but didn't, what toy would you choose?

Some toys have such universal and everlasting appeal that many a "grown-up" still has a hankering for them, they might be electric train sets or possibly golliwogs.

But without a doubt the toy with the most universal and everlasting appeal, the true aristocrat among toys, is the traditional Victorian rocking horse, which is making a comeback of recent years.

To illustrate the universality of the rocking horse's appeal, there was once a story in a British daily newspaper of a lady who quite openly burst into tears when just outbidded at an auction where one was up for sale.

The Victorian rocking horse has a history going back over a hundred years and there are not many of the originals left. The first ones were made by British craftsmen out of wood mounted on rockers. Some were covered with real horsehide and had real manes as well as handstitched tack. Later someone invented an ingenious swing bar type of horse for a smoother more realistic ride. Some horses were really large, about 10 hands high at the withers.

There are still a few small firms and individuals handcarving rocking horses in Britain. One small firm is reputed to be having great success exporting handcrafted originals to America.

Now rocking horses are a very good investment and some can bring up to $1,000.

They are exceptionally beautiful - the writer can vouch for that as he recently imported one from England. It was well worth the wait.

The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious.
Martin Luther.

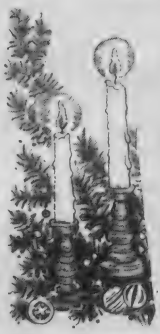
After the verb "to love," "to help" is the most beautiful verb in the world.
Baroness von Suttner.

VICTORIAN ROCKING HORSE

Vince Mooney

Arlene Crawford

Wishing You a Joyful Christmas and the hope for Health and Happiness in the New Year



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SPORTS

Third period goals give Bruins tie with Flyers

A pair of third period goals by Bernie Bronson and Rick Gaudy gave the St. Albert Bruins a 5-5 tie with Stony Plain Flyers Friday night in St. Albert.

The tie moves the Bruins into a three-way tie with Enoch Tomahawks and Leduc Riggers for fourth place in the Capital Junior Hockey League.

Flyers are in second place in the league standings while Fort Saskatchewan Traders hold down top spot.

Tim O'Neil gave the Bruins a 1-0 lead at 8.25 of the opening period with Jim McComb setting him up.

Larry Smigeski scored two minutes later for Stony to give the Flyers a 1-1 tie to end the opening period.

Bruins went ahead 2-1 with only 45 seconds gone in the second as O'Neil connected again. This was O'Neil's sixth goal in the Bruins last two games.

Stang tied the game at the 2.06 mark as Wayne Spychka beat Bruin goalie Carey Winquist.

Flyer captain Mark Hall put Stony Plain ahead for the first time in the game with a goal at the seven minute mark.

Jim McComb a four year veteran with the Bruins tied the score at 14.06 while working on a power-play situation with Pat Hall in the penalty box for hooking.

Flyers took advantage of Bruins Rick Gaudy's cross checking infraction at 18.15 and six seconds later Gary Robinson put Stony in front 4-3 as the second period ended.

Bruins opened the final period very strong and nearly ran Stony out of the rink. As it usually happens Flyers after being badly outplayed went down the ice and scored to go out in front 5-3.

Bruins kept pressing and Bernie Bronson scored on a goal-mouth scramble at 11.56 to put them only one down.

Rick Gaudy scored the tying goal on a harmless looking pass that somehow trickled between the Flyers goalie's pads at 13.21.

Flyers took 10 of 18 penalties.

Winquist stopped 59 Flyer shots while Kevin Sullivan faced 58 Bruin shots.

MEET WESTLOCK BOXING DAY

Bruins next home game will be on Boxing Day, Friday, December 26 at 7:30 p.m., when the last place Westlock Lions will be in town. The next day Bruins will be in Westlock and Sunday they will be in Leduc.

Bruins management Ron Yanosik, Rene Pouliot, Ken Schwartz, Bill Shaughnessy and the players wish to extend best wishes to their many fans for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Comets slam Bruins 7-4 in rough game

St. Albert Comets took advantage of the power-play Tuesday night as they scored five goals with the man advantage in a 7-4 win over the Edmonton Bruins.

Referee Bill Curry had a busy night in St. Albert calling a total of 32 penalties with the Bruins collecting 19 including a game misconduct.

This is the third meeting of the year between the two clubs and all have been penalty filled matches. Bruins will someday learn that you won't beat the Comets taking unnecessary penalties. Comets have won all three games.

Comets took a 2-1 first period lead on goals by Jim Stewart and Dave Glasgow. Bruins Peter Skrabyk opened the scoring with only 43 seconds gone.

Bruins scored a pair of goals early in the second period for a 3-2 lead but then ran into a number of penalties.

Brian Stevens, Perry Pearn and Danny Towpich scored in succession and all were power-play goals to give the Comets a 5-3 lead with only 14 minutes gone in the period. Blaine Georgy scored at 16.28 with the teams playing even but John Phelan found the range on the power-play for another Comet goal and a 7-3 lead going into the final period.

Bruins scored the only goal of the third period.

Comets next league game will be Sunday, December 28 in Winterburn and their next home game won't be until January 11th against Westlock.

Comet president Claude Contant, management and players wish all their fans a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Generals on the road this weekend

St. Albert Standard Generals will take to the road this weekend with games in Vermilion Saturday and Lloydminster Sunday.

Generals game in St. Paul last Sunday was cancelled and will be re-scheduled for a later date.

Their next home games will be Saturday, January 3 against Vegreville, Sunday, January 4 against Grande Centre and Tuesday, January 6 against Barrhead.

Generals have wins over all three teams and will be looking forward to doing it again.

Coach John Ewen will be doing some line juggling for the games as Dave Grice, Ian Langridge, Larry Kozachuk and Jim Hole are now in Hawaii on holidays and goalie Ralph Chambers has gone to Nova Scotia for Christmas holidays.

The management and staff wish all their fans a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Calahoo Sports

A fine four goal performance by Craig Berube paced the Calahoo mites to a easy 10-1 win over Devon Wednesday night in Devon.

Bruce Patrick and Robbie Christian added a pair each while Dean McDonald and Doyle Flaherty scored singles.

Kenny Berube was in the nets for Calahoo and had some fine saves.

Coach Emile Berube was pleased with his team's performance as he went with only eight players. The team had on their new uniforms and they looked sharp.

Calahoo will be in Wabamun Saturday night, December 27th, game time 5:30 p.m.

Their next home game will be Wednesday, January 7 when Stony Plain will be the opposition.

AROUND TOWN

Visitors to St. Albert for the festive season are Mr. and Mrs. William Sentes and children, Michelle and Guy, from Regina. The Sentes family will be spending Christmas with Gordon and Bernice Willas and family of Grandville Avenue.

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Sharon and Grant Bridgeman and their children, Valerie and David, of Greer Crescent, St. Albert, will be leaving behind the Canadian winter for a few years. On January 4th the family will fly to Kuanton, Malaysia, via Hong Kong. The Bridgemans expect to live in the Malaysian east coast town of Kuanton for two to three years. Grant, an engineer, is being transferred by his company to assist in the development of several town sites over there. Although the family think of St. Albert as home and they intend to return here to live, they all look forward to the new and exciting experience awaiting them in their new location.

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December 17 Lynn had still not seen the prize she won.

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Christmas recipes from overseas

From Spain comes a sherry-cream sauce that can be used at any festive occasion.

SHERRY CREAM SAUCE

Ingredients: 2 egg yolks (beaten lightly), ⅓ cup sugar, ⅔ cup orange juice, 2 tblspns. lemon juice, 3 tblspns. medium dry sherry, ¾ cup heavy cream (whipped).

Method: Combine egg yolks and sugar in top of double boiler. Blend in fruit juices, and set over hot water. Cook, stirring constantly, until sauce coats spoon. Cover, and chill. Add sherry, and fold in whipped cream. Serve over any colourful combination of sweetened fresh, canned or frozen fruits.

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From our neighbours in the south comes a delicious punch.

HOT CRANBERRY PUNCH

Ingredients: 2 tblspns. whole cloves, 1 tblspn. whole allspice, 12 inch stick cinnamon, broken ¼ cup brown sugar, 4 cups water, ¼ tsp. salt, 4 cups pineapple juice (canned unsweetened) 2 - 1 pound cans (4 cups) jellied cranberry sauce, a few drops of red food colouring, small portions of butter and cinnamon sticks.

Method: Tie whole cloves and allspice in small piece of cheesecloth. Combine in a saucepan the spice bag, cinnamon pieces, brown sugar, 1 cup water and salt. Bring to boil slowly. Add pineapple juice and 3 cups of water. Crush cranberry sauce with a fork and add. Bring to a boil again and simmer for five minutes. Remove spices.

Add a few drops of red food colouring. Pour into heated punch bowl. Add a few bits of butter. For trim, float clove studded orange slices, cut in half. Serve in mugs with cinnamon sticks as stirrers. Makes about 12 cups.

FROM AN OLD ALBUM
Ada Grenier Marks

Now what is there to write about in winter?
Too long have poets sung of crystal snow,
Cold air nipping rosy cheeks, flowers sleeping-
No, I would lead you to a sleigh, the cutter,
A curving, graceful love seat on steel runners,
Drawn by a pair of spirited young bays
Stamping their feet, shaking their nervous heads
While music rings from chains of silver bells
Hung round their necks.

Come, line the box with rugs
And nest them with a soapstone, piping hot;
Pile high upon the seat soft, woolly robes,
Dash from the house into this warm oasis
And smoothly glide through snow in silence broken
Only by sound of muffled hooves in rhythm
And tintinnabulation of the bells
On this old-fashioned ride from long ago.

The holiest of all holidays are those kept by ourselves in silence and apart, the secret anniversaries of the heart, when the full tide of feeling overflows.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

The charm of Christmas lies in the thought that we live in the memory of our friends.

Author Unknown.

Christmas Wishes

May this Season bring to you
It's priceless gifts again
Peace in your home, joy in your heart,
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The Notion Store

A Christmas Story
By Ruth B. Field

Up the steep stairwell seeped the appetizing breakfast smells. Oatmeal's bland steam as it bubbled in the blue enamel pot; the pungent odor of salt pork sizzling in the iron skillet with yellow-eyed eggs curling crisply at their edges; browning hashed potato and the unmistakable aroma of buckwheat flapjacks.

Cautiously, I put one foot out on the cold bedroom floor then, remembering, hurriedly pushed back blankets and patchwork quilt and ran down the stairway. Opening the door at the foot of the stairs, the welcome warmth from the parlor stove greeted me. It was still early and the rose-decorated parlor lamp shed its cheery glow on the old-fashioned room.

This was the day - the day we would be riding to town for the Christmas shopping. I rushed to the window and puffed a warm breath on the frosty ferns and fancies etched on the pane. Happy day!

The eastern mountaintop was rimmed with a faint rosy glow promising fair weather. So - hustle into long underwear, put on ferris waist, flannel petticoat and warm woolen plaid dress. Pull long stockings up over ornery underwear legs and fumble with the pearl-handled button hook to get shoe buttons into their proper holes. Then to the kitchen to scrub face and hands in water from the hiccoughing pump which had to be warmed with water from the boiling tea kettle.

Finally seated at the well-laden breakfast table, I could not enjoy my meal as usual. Looking forward to a trip to the village and the notion store with great excitement, my appetite deserted me.

After breakfast, the food must be carefully put away in the cold buttery and the dishes washed and scalded.

Eggs were gathered, too, the cats and dog fed and the stoves stoked with chunks of wood. Gram had already poured parboiled beans into the brown earthen pot and pushed it into the oven to be ready for the meal when we returned from town.

This seemed like a long time of waiting to a small girl impatient to go Christmas shopping. But eventually Nell, the little brown mare, drew the jingling sleigh up to the doorstep. Tucked under the big buffalo robe, Gramp, Gram and I were wedged together in our bulky reefer coats, heavy overshoes, gaiters, mufflers, mittens and warm headgear with a hot freestone at our feet.

At last we were riding between great piles of snow on either side of the road. The sleigh bells jingled merrily, the runners squealed on the hard-packed snow and our breath froze into spangled mist. The sun had climbed above the mountain, filling our valley with light as rosy as my dreams.

The winding road led us past scattered homes of relatives and friends. Great plumes of smoke billowed from red chimneys, icicles dangled like jagged crystal pendants from the eaves.

Trees stood like snowy wigwams, glistening stalactites rimmed the edge of brooks and the distant mountains wore hoods and capes of white against the cold.

Soon we reached the crisscross railroad sign which read "Stop, Look and Listen." Nell distrusted this spot and shied apprehensively. All too well she knew the shrill whistle and the iron monster's huffing and puffing. But Grandfather's strong hands and quiet voice calmed her and we glided on.

As we approached the village the electric trolley car also unnerved Nell, but it clattered past and we soon arrived at the centre of town. Here the three church steeples shone in the sunshine. The apothecary shop's red and green filled crystal jars glistened gaily. Miss Milly's millinery shop window displayed scooped hats lavishly laden with plumes, beads, bangles and bows and side attractions such as spangled fans, rhinestone-studded back combs, dotted face veils, fancy reticules and jeweled hat pins.

After Nell had thirstily drunk from the iron fountain, Gramp took her to the nearby livery stable. Grandpa would stop at the grocery store to exchange fresh eggs and golden squares of butter for items such as flour, sugar, salt and sundry wares which we would pick up later. Here he would also visit with friends around the hot pot-bellied stove while Gram and I went on to the notion store.

This emporium had two protruding windows on either side of the entrance. These held the promise of Christmas-to-come. Glittering tinsel and festoons of red and green tissue paper, a rather lumpy Santa Claus and a Christmas tree decorated with colourful and fragile ornaments, cornucopias of candy, angels with spun glass wings, small dolls and toys.

Inside, Grandmother lingered among sprigged calicoes, laces, rickrack, collar ruching, crochet booklets and materials, fancy broaches, knickknacks, ribbons and gaudy cravats for the menfolk, gathering the local news along with her purchases. I was allowed to go into the "back room" but cautioned, "mind you don't touch anything!" I agreed to this but, unfortunately in a fascinated moment, poked a curious finger at a delicate tree bauble - abashed when I gazed at the shattered fragments of gold, silver and rainbows that resulted. Momentarily frozen with fear, I finally managed to slide along and soon forgot my little crime in the wonderland that surrounded me.

Shelves and shelves on all sides held the treasures of childhood. Dolls - rows of beautiful bisque beauties in silks and satins wearing tall, fancy hats and bonnets. Blue and brown glorious glass eyes gazed at me. Blonde and brunette curls dangled around their rosy-cheeked faces.

There were wicker doll buggies with parasols on top; beflowered china tea sets, miniature pewter tea sets, small cast-iron stoves replete with pots and skillets, linen books, fairy tales, ABC's, puzzles, realistic horses on wheels, little red carts, farm animals, tops, jack-in-the-boxes, doll cradles and beds. Lower shelves displayed the five and ten cent dolls with painted-on shoes and the tiny penny dolls. Balls and games everywhere. Magic lanterns and little cast-iron trains. There was also an assortment of postcards, those embossed beauties of that era. Adorned with Santas, children, toys, birds, holly and bells - all the symbols of Christmas and albums in which to put them.

In a daze of pleasure and anticipation I wandered about, hardly noticing when Grandmother entered and spoke in a low voice to a saleslady who wrapped mysterious bundles.

The notion store was a marvelous place in all seasons but at Christmastime it became a veritable fairyland. Here one could purchase anything milady desired from needles and pins to yards of silk and satins, fancy gloves and slippers, X Y Z corsets, delicate mulls, muslins and fur muffs, frills and furbelows. To a small girl it was a bright fragment of dreams, a memory that still shines across the years.

Winter days are short, and once again tucked beneath the warm buffalo robe, we turned homeward. The sun was sinking toward the horizon. A lone crow flapped across the snow-laden trees, his raucous cry prophetic of the cold night to come. Nell trotted along, eager to reach her own warm stall. We pulled mufflers over our mouths and noses and were glad, too, when the farmhouse appeared beyond the last hill.

We gathered up our secret packages and other purchases and entered the warm kitchen where the appetizing fragrance of beans browned in their savory juice intermingled with one onion, a generous blob of molasses, a smidgin of ginger, a dash of mustard and a slab of thick salt pork greeted us.

Home again after Christmas shopping at the notion store on a long-ago winter day.

Over the winter glaciers I see the summer glow, and
through the wild-piled snowdrift the warm rosebuds below.
Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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Christmas tree rooted deep in religious history

Many of the Yuletide customs we take for granted are very old and have been passed from country to country ... generation to generation. A great many of them stem from a true religious beginning, even though it may be different from what we, today, think of as religion.

In practically every civilized country, the Christmas tree is an important part of the holiday season, and many nations claim the honour of having had the very first one. Regardless of claims, Germany introduced the symbol; there's a statue of St. Boniface standing in the old town of Altenburg, since he is the one behind the idea. Research proves that in the old days, primitive man regarded trees as the hiding place of spirits, whom they worshipped as gods. They held ceremonies in their honour, placed gifts beneath their branches, and the more powerful they considered the god, the more precious their sacrifices. Occasionally one of their own number was chosen as a human offering when the pagans wished to especially favour some god.

The transition of the tree from a pagan to a Christian symbol is based upon legend. According to the story, an eighth-century missionary working among the Hessians came upon some natives who were preparing a human sacrifice to the Thunder god. Thor, whom they believed was in a large oak tree. St. Boniface (sometimes called St. Winfred) had come from England to teach Christianity to the pagans, so was greatly shocked by what he saw. Just as the youth was to be killed, the missionary raised the the missionary raised his arm and ordered the ceremony stopped, frightening the heathens with his stern tone and appearance. The Christian then ordered the pagans to chop down the "thunder-oak" which they did in sheer terror. The majestic tree fell to the ground with a thunderous roar, revealing for the first time a young fir tree growing between the broken branches of the fallen oak. How it happened to grow there no one knows; the legend claims that it sprang up miraculously. When they saw it, the superstitious natives were awed and amazed.

Pointing to the straight little fir, the earnest missionary suggested to the wide-eyed pagans that they accept this as a symbol of Christianity, which - surprisingly - they did. Facing the group, St. Boniface said, "This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of fir. It is the sign of endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points to heaven. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child; gather about it, not in the wild woods but in your homes. There it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness!"

At the missionary's command, the natives uprooted the fir tree and carried it to the banquet hall where it was looked upon as a symbol of everlasting life. In later years, the fir - the orthodox tree - was lighted by small candles representing the "Light of the World" and gifts placed at its base to represent God's gift to the world of His Son.

Decorating the tree other than with small candles began in Strassburg, Germany, about 1605, when red apples, paper roses and sweets were attached to the boughs, often with long ribbons. In 1841, Queen Victoria started the tree-trimming idea in England - an idea that was quickly copied by all the British people. The German settlers in Pennsylvania originated tree-trimming in this country The custom spread quickly and resulted in the elaborate decorations we use today.

MISTLETOE

The word mistletoe is derived from the Saxon mistl-tan, meaning "a different twig" and there's an interesting legend about this pearl-berried green. It seems that Balder, a Scandinavian hero, was killed by an arrow made from a mistletoe tree-branch. The gods were angered by this and decreed that from that time on mistletoe should be nothing but a parasite ... and should cause no more trouble. The berries, according to Norse mythology, were the tears of the goddess Frigga and were shed at the death of her son "Balder the Beautiful." It is from this legend that kissing beneath the mistletoe came about; the kiss is a symbol of peace and an assurance that mistletoe can cause no more sorrow, but will foster affection instead. Our custom of hanging a sprig of mistletoe in doorways to invoke romance is an adaptation to the Druids' custom of placing it above the fireplace to please the sylvan spirits.

Holly

This red-berried, glossy-leaved shrub is prevalent in our decorations at Christmastime. Its use is traced to the early Romans who sent holly boughs to their friends during the feast of Saturnalia which occurred at about the time our Yuletide does. The early Christians continued this custom of using holly as gifts, but fashioned it into wreaths to symbolize the crown of thorns, the red berries symbolic of drops of blood. From that time on, the holly wreath has stood for timelessness, its endless circle the emblem of Eternity.

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Reflections at Winter Twilight

Ah, the crunch beneath my feet affords me certain delight as I inhale the pine against the frosty air. It seems to cleanse and soothe the battered lungs. My breath crystallizes and ascends in cotton puffs at rhythmic intervals, spelling out an unknown code that stories my inner soul. The higher I climb the more intense the sanctum becomes. I do feel His presence and His pulse throbs within my heart.

A gentle wind swirls the powdery snow into my reddened face, and yet another sense is awakened. Standing now at the summit amidst the fading light, I see a shroud of dusk permeating the silent hills, enveloping all but the peaks of the sentinel firs. And there upon the endless horizon an explosion of colors rises and falls within the kaleidoscope sky. At first a gentle blue streaked with gilding-lacy wisps about the heavens. Then gold gives way to peach, and peach to scarlet - this panorama leaves me agape! For here my God silently works His miracles, testament to His existence.

Yet in my world so many rebuke Him, so many doubt Him. What more proof do they need? They deny Him through reason and science, and ignore His wonders and call them chemistry. How sad they are!

Here on my precipice it has grown dark, yet He has not forgotten me. For even now in this cavern of night, He gives me moonlight to see and stars to guide me - down the crunching slope past the sentinel firs and swirling snow - back to my loved ones, by the brick hearth and its crackling embers.

I shall not forget these solitary feelings. I will carry with me the message of joy and feelings of hope, that one day I will join Him in the place where He creates these miracles.

Snow Silence

When pine trees stand in falling snow that whirs,
The earth is taut and somber, each trunk-stalk
Is buried under frost of prickly burrs;
There is no verdant green to trim the walk.

Winter winds are blustery; the cold is tense,
The swallows have departed; nothing grows.
The hive is still and silent, the creaking fence,
The russet woods are white with heavy snows.

A sense of static wonder transcends fear;
Above the buried roots, the air is sweet.
Within the thick-leaved branches, far and near,
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Winter outdoors: Yesterday and today

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Alberta Culture opened a special exhibition December 13 at the Provincial Museum of Alberta on the theme of "Winter Outdoors: Yesterday and Today," which shows us 70 years of winter activities in our province. The Museum has brought together snow skates and ice skates, skis and fur coats from the 1920's along with modern nylon and plastic sports equipment. Historic photographs from the collections in the Provincial Archives reveal the fun of tobagganing, skating and skiing at the turn of the century.

The animal adaptations for survival through Alberta winters are shown through exhibits of mounted specimens with winter plumage and coloration. Stunning photographs by Edmonton's Dr. Cy Hampson create the mood of frozen grandeur in nature.

For over 70 years Albertans have participated in a Christmas Bird Count -- a special tally of local birds spotted during a day in the festive season. The display includes specimens of birds ranging from the familiar Black-capped Chickadee to the Ring-necked Pheasant which have been regularly observed during the special Bird Count. The exhibit admits this Christmas outing to count species is half sport and half science -- an enjoyable winter activity as well as providing useful data on winter bird distribution.

Alberta Culture is pleased to present an attractive exhibit on the hardiness of our province's human and animal population. "Winter Outdoors: Yesterday and Today" is displayed at the Provincial Museum until February 15, 1976.

In the moon of wintertime

Love of the Prince of Peace has inspired a glorious heritage of beautiful music over two thousand years. For Canadians the hymn Jesous Ahatonhia has a special meaning at Christmas. It is the hymn Father Jean de Brebeuf wrote and taught to the Indians of the Huron nation before he met a martyr's death in 1649. The written words of the Jesuit who came from Rouen were first but about one hundred years later a priest heard the words being sung by the Hurons and wrote them down.

'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
When all the birds had fled,
That mighty Gitchi Manitou
Sent angel choirs instead;
Before their light the stars grew dim,
And wond'ring hunters heard the hymn:

Within a lodge of broken bark,
The tender Babe was found,
A ragged robe of rabbit skin
Enwrapped his beauty 'round;
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,
The angel song rang loud and high:

Jesus, your King, is born, Jesus is born.
In excelsis gloria.

The earliest moon of wintertime,
Is not so round and fair,
As was the ring of glory
On the helpless Infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt,
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt:

Jesus, your King, is born, Jesus is born.
In excelsis gloria.

O children of the forest free,
O sons of Manitou,
The holy Child of earth and heav'n
Is born today for you.
Come, kneel before the radiant Boy,
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MORINVILLE MEMOS

By Marg Bentz

Legion New Year's Eve Frolic will commence at 8:30 p.m., on December 31, 1975 at the Legion Hall and will end in the wee hours of January 1st, 1976. Phone 939-4128 for more information.

Garbage pickup during the holiday season for Morinville residents will be December 23, 24, 30 and 31.

The Library will be closed December 24 to December 27 inclusive and on December 31 and January 1.

Classes for Morinville's students will resume on January 5, 1976 at 9 a.m.

A New Year's Eve Frolic will be held at the Recreation Centre beginning with a candlelight smorgasbord at 8 p.m., followed by a dance at 10 p.m. (Music by "Cabarets.")

Christmas services at St. Jean Baptiste Roman Catholic Church will be celebrated at 8 p.m., on December 24 and at midnight. On December 25, one mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. The midnight mass will be sung in four parts in Latin.

On January 13, 1976, the Morinville Lions Figure Skating Club will begin their second session. The schedule has been changed and will be as follows: A.R.S.A. lessons and practise - Tuesday, 4 - 7 p.m., A.R.S.A. practice - Thursday 4 - 5 p.m., C.F.S.A. lessons - Thursday, 5 - 7 p.m., Saturday 8 - 12 noon and Sunday 8 - 10 a.m., practices will be from 7 - 8 a.m. Monday (patch); Wednesday (free style) and Friday (dance).

The Morinville Board of Trade is again sponsoring the 29th annual A.C.T. Search for Talent program in Morinville, on January 10th, 1976. Entry forms are available at McGinnis Realty in Morinville. If necessary, entries may be phoned in to 939-4435 anytime. The entries have been very slow coming in; the deadline is Monday, January 5th.

Congratulations to Paul and Debbie Riopel of Morinville on the birth of their first born. Genevieve Marie weighed 5 lbs. 15 ozs., and arrived at 7:06 a.m., on the 16th of December at the General Hospital in Edmonton. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roland Riopel of Morinville and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Ring of St. Albert. Genevieve is the first grandchild of both grandparents.

Ice rentals for the new curling rink are available on weekends. For more information contact Colleen Brisson at 939-4525.

Attention - Senior Citizens of the Rendez-Vous Club, your afternoon amusements (cards) will resume on January 7th at 1:30 p.m.

District of Sturgeon Health Unit nurse will be at the Rendez-Vous Clubhouse to show a film and to speak on services available for senior citizens, on January 14th, 1976. All senior citizens are invited.

A Merry Christmas to all the senior citizens is extended from Dorothy Daignault. Thank you Dorothy, for keeping us informed on Rendez-Vous Club news.

SCHOOL CONCERT

Grades five and six classes of Notre Dame Elementary School presented "The Little Drummer Boy" at a Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 16th. The grade four students started the evening by singing O'Canada (in French) and Vive le Vent. The operetta was then performed very professionally in three acts. Congratulations to all the students and especially to Real Aquin (Drummer Boy) for their excellent performances. Special mention along with a bouquet of roses was given to Sister Majeau, who also thanked the students and teachers who helped make the teachers who helped make the evening a success. The teachers who gave their time and effort to help Sister Majeau were: Mrs. R. Riopel, Mrs. R. Dupuis, Mrs. Mandin, Mrs. D. Kilotat and Mrs. L. Riopel.

As this is the last publication of 1975, I would like to extend Season's Greetings to Morinville Memo Readers, to the many local businesses who advertise in the Gazette, and the many individuals from the various clubs and organizations who help keep us informed of the activities and events in our community. It has been a great pleasure working for you and with you; I look forward to doing so in 1976. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year - your Morinville correspondent - Marg Bentz

Christmas is Christ's birthday

The Legal Council of the Knights of Columbus is urging people of this community to put Christ back into Christmas, and the KC's are positively promoting its aim. Mr. Remi Cyr, program director of this council says his group has acquired five billboards with the "Christmas is Christ's Birthday" theme, which in turn have been sold at cost price to different organizations which will be displayed at various places in the village. And the KC's are also making bumper stickers available with the slogan "Keep Christ in Christmas."

The local council says: For the non-believer as well as for the believer there are good, valid reasons to be part of this movement. "The rules of our society are for the most part based on Christian principle and philosophy. By promoting the "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme, we are saying, "let us not lose by indifference and neglect what it has taken mankind thousands of years to acquire.

Mr. Robert Regimbald, membership director says "We want to make people aware of the Christian spirit, if only to remind them they need not overspend, and also to encourage them to put their money where it does the most good." Some of the activities in which the local council of the Knights of Columbus are involved are "Pennies from Heaven," "Development and Peace," to which they have funded in the last two years over $700.00, the showing of films on morals in schools, helping by means of funds the minor hockey in our community and supporting various Catholic charities.

Anyone who would like to support the groups attempt to return to the true meaning of Christmas can call at 961-2386, ask for Remi, or at 961-3731 and ask for Bob.

A "Big Thank You" goes to Merv Laurier Rivard, Richard Montpetit, officers of the local council, also Mr. Levi Berube, who struggled to bring out of the bush a lovely 25 foot Christmas tree for the decoration of the Church yard. A special "Thank You" to Mr. Rene Maurier for the donation of this beautiful tree.

On Sunday, December 7, the Installation of Officers of the Legal K.C. Council was held in St. Emile Church following the High Mass. The conferring officer was District Deputy Mr. Romeo Boissonnault of Morinville with the assistance of his Warden, his son Denis. Thank you Romeo and Denis.

The council is very grateful to Fr. Bissonnette, our Chaplain, for the guidance and support he gave the council. The council is very grateful to the helping hand of Mr. Richard Maurier and Clarence Joly for serving at Mass. Special thanks goes to our Church ushers, Mr. Richard DeChamplain and Bobby Pelletier.

After the Installation a record high attendance of members accompanied by their wives were served a great Communion Breakfast at the Park Citadel recreation centre, under the efficient leadership of the Local Council Lecturer, Mr. Roger Gagne. Don't forget he had a very good all male staff, cook and waiters. Messrs. Paul Morin, Laurier Rivard, Louis Lecavalier, Maurice Montpetit, Ray Ouellette, Richard Dechamplain, Ray Gagne, Ray Rivard, and last but not least, our trustee, Mr. Leo Dechamplain who voluntarily donated all the eggs for at least 80 people. Thank you very much Leo.

During breakfast, appreciation and gratitude were offered by our district deputy on behalf of the Legal Council and the Provincial Council to Mr. Jos. Nault for serving almost 20 years of service to the council as financial secretary. Mr. Nault was given a standing ovation by the people present. Thanks a million Jos!!

Mr. Jos. Nault is being replaced on account of health reasons by Mr. Denis Limoges our Postmaster. Lets hope Denis will have the same co-operation from the members as they have always shown towards Mr. Jos Nault. Welcome Denis in our organization.

To put a finishing touch to our get-together a film on "Every man a Witness" was put on screen by our able recorder Mr. Ray Tremblay. Everybody really enjoyed it.

Thank you "boys" for a job well done. We will see you all there at the New Year's Frolic. Have a Merry Christmas and a Holy and Prosperous New Year - N.L.

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MUNICIPAL SECRETARY.

Report From Bon Accord

By Sadie Allen

A reminder of the variety show to be held on January 10, entries to be made to Lynda Bland, 921-2374.

Both Outlaws and Wildcats copped off wins in games during the week, the Outlaws downing St. Albert by a 6-1 score and the Wildcats copping off a 5-3 win over Calahoo at Calahoo.

Holy Trinity Anglican Vestry and the ACW will be sponsoring a dine and dance on January 16th in the Bon Accord Community Centre -- good food, good music and tickets may be purchased from ACW or Vestry members. Contact Wm. Carleton, 921-3686.

A few more registrations are required for a wood furniture refinishing class and the photography class -- call Pauline at 921-3625. A course in cross country skiing is on the agenda for January -- enough local registrations will guarantee it being held at Bon Accord. Registration is $5 per person or $10 per family. If interested in this course, you may register with Pauline or contact Tony Mantyka directly at Sturgeon Recreation 939-4317. It is important to get all registrations in soon so that classes may be set up for the New Year.

Urgently needed for the Ice Show on January 30, 31 and February 1 are 14 sleighs and broken hockey sticks. If you have any you are willing to loan (sleighs) and will save the old hockey sticks, call Lynda Bland, 921-2374.

DOG SHOW

The Alberta Shetland and Sheepdog Association held their second specialty dog show in Calgary on December 7. Bojan Kennels, owned and operated by Janice and Bob McRobbie, fared especially well in the show with Champion Bojan King's Nobleman taking top honours and best of breed and two young puppies of six months and their first show taking winners'male and female and going on to win the brace competition over older and more experienced braces. Then Trixie (Bojan Dark Promise) won the puppy sweepstakes over a huge entry of puppies, Sheltie and Collie, and earning 15% of the sweepstake entry for Bojan Kennels. Dogs sold by Bojan Kennels also brought home trophies for their new owners. Blue Merle, Bojan's Bold Bandit taking Winner's Male, Bojan Ebony Dancer taking Winner's Female and Best of Winners. All in all it was a very good weekend for Bojan Kennels with all trophies returning to Edmonton and won by Bojan Collies. Bojan Kennels, in operation only seven years, is now recognized as the top Collie kennel in Western Canada.

HOCKEY

Hockey games coming up over the festive season:- Dec. 26 - Calahoo at Bon Accord at 8:15 p.m., Dec. 30 - Bon Accord at Villeneuve at 8 p.m., Jan. 2 - Morinville at Bon Accord at 8:15 p.m., Jan. 4 - Bon Accord at Legal at 2 p.m., Jan. 6 - Namao at Bon Accord at 8:15 p.m.

Outlaws - Bon Accord vs Horse Hill at 9 p.m., Jan. 11 Talons at Bon Accord at 8:30 p.m.

Bingo will be held on Sunday, December 28 in the Bon Accord Community Centre at 7:30.

A few tickets are still available for the New Year's Eve dance from Pauline at 921-3625 and Doreen at 921-3581. Tickets are going at $18.00 per couple and a good meal will be one of the attractions.

The Bon Accord Village Office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on Wednesday, December 24 at noon and will re-open on Monday, December 29 at 9 a.m.

Legal Locals

By Sharon Rempel

To the people of the Village and surrounding district, I would like to take this opportunity along with my husband Don and our two children to say, a Very Merry Christmas and God grant you peace, happiness, and joy in the coming New Year.

A friendly and cordial welcome is extended to Bill and Bea Baird who have just recently moved to Legal with their three children.

C.W.L. REPORT

By Claire Keane

The St. Emile's CWL of Legal held their regular monthly meeting at the Rectory on December 16 with seven members and one visitor present.

The meeting opened with our CWL league prayer led by Claire.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, Madeline read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the financial report.

Mary K. next read an appropriate poem entitled "An Optimist's Creed." Claire read "The Ten Commandments of Public Relations." Both poems were very interesting and gave us something to reflect on and think about at this Christmastime.

President Mary Q. thanked the ladies for their poems, and also thanked the ones who helped to sell the calendars at the church.

Father Bissonnette was then asked for his report. He told us that on January 24 and 25, Bishop Roy was coming to visit and talk with the Legal parishioners. He also gave us his Christmas wishes of "Health, Joy and Happiness" and hoped that Christ would be in the midst of our lives so that we could spread the good news of joy and open the door for christians.

Mary Q. then presented Father Bissonnette with a little gift as a token of appreciation for his thoughtfulness and kindness.

Father thanked the ladies and he wishes us all a happy and holy Christmas.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

On behalf of the CWL members, we wish you all a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

CARD OF THANKS

Our sincerest and warmest thank you to all the wonderful relatives, friends, and neighbours for their acts of kindness, thoughtfulness, spiritual, floral tributes, hockey donations, cards and baking and the precious time everyone took from their busy schedule to comfort us during our darkest hours and deepest sorrow. Thanks to all the firemen, ambulance attendants, the young men of the community for their great help, the RCMP, hospital staff at the Royal Alexandra, pallbearers, Reverend Harrison, organist, nurse Sylvia, the funeral attendants, the city police for their fine escort service and also all who came to Park Memorial and Evergreen Gardens to pay their last respects. Mere words cannot express our gratitude, so could we in turn at this season, earnestly hope and pray that each and everyone has a truly Merry Christmas and especially the best in the New Year.

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GIBBONS NEWS

By Karen Hogg

Well, there was lots of action in Gibbons on Monday, December 15. The Gibbons new Royal Bank was robbed. The bank staff were following their usual routine when at 1:05 everything changed. A man between the ages of 25 and 35 walked in, handed a teller a note which stated he wanted money. The teller was not sure if it was a finger or a gun hidden under the man's jacket, but she followed the robber's demand and handed over the money. As soon as he got it he immediately took off. The bank manager said the RCMP were there in record time, but with no luck of apprehending the man. The robber is still at large.

Congratulations to Clem Lamoureux on his new position as Fire Chief and Bill Mabbutt on his new position as captain of the department. Mr. Earl Yeo, who was the fire chief from 1968 until now, has stepped down from the position and now holds the title of secretary-treasurer of the department.

Also during the last fire meeting a representative of Carlington Breweries brought out two films for the firemen to watch. One was on modern day fire fighting and the other was a film on the process of making beer. The fire department would like to thank the brewery very much for bringing out the films as it made a very enjoyable meeting.

The Anglican Church of Gibbons would like to invite everyone to come to their Christmas Eucharist service to be held on Christmas Eve at 9 p.m.

The Gibbons Fire Department would like to notify farmers of Gibbons that the Fire Visitation of the area will not be carried out until spring, due to weather conditions.

NOTICE TO ALL VILLAGE RESIDENTS

In order for our sidewalks to be kept cleaned off, the council wishes to ask everyone to keep all obstructions off the sidewalks, such as extension cords.

This is to further advise that any persons not obliging to this matter will be responsible for any damage or injury caused to any person. Please help us keep our village clean and a nice community in which to live.

I would like to compliment the residents of Gibbons and area for lighting up their homes so nicely for this festive season. May the happiness and good cheer of this holiday time remain with you through each day of the coming year. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we'll see you in '76!!

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MORINVILLE

Calahoo girl weds Morinville man

By Liz McLeod

A beautiful wedding of interest was solemnized, bringing together two very fine people, when Miss Cherilynne Madeline Brown and Guy Albert Meunier invited their friends and neighbours to share in the joy of the beginning of their new life together, when they exchanged vows and rings at St. Jean Baptiste R.C. Church in Morinville.

The bride, who was raised in Calahoo is the youngest daughter of Fred and Madeline Brown, now residing in St. Albert.

The groom's parents are Gus and Celina Meunier now living on the St. Albert Trail in Edmonton.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride was radiant in her ruffled and lace edged gown, featuring a scooped neckline fitted bodice, laced pattern down the front, fitted lace sleeves to elbow then forming a wide puff to a tight cuff.

The long trailing lace trimmed train formed from the skirt and her veil was held in place by a cap-style headpiece with cotton lace pattern. Her traditional bouquet consisted of 24 yellow roses with streamers and buds.

Cherilynne came down the aisle on the arm of her father to stand beside her man and before the altar aglow in a yellow and white theme - yellow and white mums and gladiolus fern and yellow ribbons.

The Rev. Father G. H. Primeau performed this delightful ceremony.

Wedding music was capably played by Marcelle Kozak while soloist, Irma Bulger was a joy to listen to as well.

The bridesmaids - Francoise Meunier from Morinville, Barb Wolanski and Sylvia Sabourin from Edmonton were lovely in their green and yellow patterned gowns on white background featuring scooped necklines, long sheer sleeves with elastic at wrists with a three tiered skirt, complimented by bouquets of white daisies with yellow centres and baby's breath.

The yellow picture hats completed their beauty. The petite young flowergirl - Carol Sabourin, wore the same style gown only in soft yellow.

The bestmen, Norman Meunier, Dwayne Brown and John Pelletier and handsome young Raymond Meunier (ringbearer) were dashing in their dark brown slacks - light beige jackets - white ruffled shirts trimmed in brown with dark brown bow tie.

The groom was equally handsome in the same attire only his boutonniere was double. Ushering the large audience into the church were Maurice Caron and Claude Demers.

The reception was held in Morinville's community hall which was fittingly decorated for this important occasion.

A three tier wedding cake beautifully decorated in white with yellow roses and topped with doves holding rings in their beaks was flanked by candles on the table of honour.

Seated at this table were from left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Gus Meunier, Raymond Joh, Dwayne, Norman, the groom, the bride, Francoise, Barb, Sylvia, Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and Grandmother Mrs. Felina Borle

For her daughter's wedding the bride's mother chose a long sheath in mint green with a long sheer nylon jacket in floral pattern complimented by a yellow corsage.

For her son's wedding the groom's mother chose a royal blue gown with silver design on front bodice, long sheer puffed sleeves with tight cuff - enhanced by a pink corsage.

Lets not forget the fathers who were also filled with pride. Mr. Brown chose a black suit and Mr. Meunier a medium beige suit.

Congenial master of ceremonies for this happy occasion was the bride's uncle Mr. Angus McDonnell.

A most enoyable evening followed and when it was time to toss the bouquet it was caught by Rachel while the garter was nabbed by Darcy Brisson.

Now when Guy and Cherilynne returned after changing into their travelling costumes, the bride was elegant in her white suit while the groom was equally so in his blue suit and white turtleneck shirt. They set out on their honeymoon, which took them to Vancouver and Victoria via the Yellowhead route and while in Vancouver they visited with Uncle Ken and Alice Williams.

On their return the Rogers Pass route was taken also going through the Okanagan.

The happy couple are making their home in Morinville.

Out of town guests were Sister Denise St. Arneult from St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. George Meunier, Eagle Sham, Alta., Mr. and Mrs. George LaBelle, Elkford, B.C., Mr. and Mrs. Rene Chamberland, Grande Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. Laurier Brisson, Prince George, B.C. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Galosky, Waterways, Alta., Mr. and Mrs. Russell Owens, Brooks, Alta., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, Tofield and many many more from all the districts surrounding.

When this couple returned, open house was held in the bride's parents home so all the gifts could be opened and admired. Best wishes for a long and happy married life go out to these two fine people.

MR. & MRS. GUY MEUNIER

Namao 4H Beef news

By Tim Sweetnam

The first meeting of the Namao 4H Beef Club was held at the beginning of November. The club executive was elected as follows: President - Terry Vaculchuk; Vice-President - Gary Kluss; Secretary - Heather Mitchell; Treasurer - Kathy Berger; Club Reporter - Tim Sweetnam; District Representatives - Teresa and Peter Engley; Lunch Convenor - Myrna Vaculchuk; Project Leader - Laurier Boissonnault.

This year's junior leaders are Wendy Bowman, Tim Sweetnam, Gary Kluss and Terry Vaculchuk. The assistant leaders are Don Sweetnam, Tom Bowman and Will Mitchell. The club leader, once again this year, is Doug Bowman.

Our second meeting was held on December 1st. It was decided that we would have a ski-doo party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Engley on December 21.

It was also decided to have a tour day on December 27.

Farmers bonspiel

The Westlock and District Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring the annual Farmer's Bonspiel at the Westlock Curling Rink, January 7 - 11. There are four big events with prizes valued at over $1,100. The entry fee of $32 per rink includes a smorgasbord and entertainment Saturday night. This bonspiel has proven to be very popular over the years. The first 48 rinks will be accepted. Entries may be phoned to Drayden Insurance at 342-3233 or Westlock Hotel at 342-3595. Entries close December 31.

Charged with attempted murder

Remi Prefontaine, 35, of Legal was remanded in custody December 18th till January 15th after appearing in St. Albert provincial court on an attempted murder charge December 17th.

Prefontaine was charged in connection with a shooting in Legal last week.

At the time of going to press, Lynn Prefontaine, 30, of Legal was reported in critical condition in Edmonton's Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Market garden courses

Alberta Agriculture's horticultural branch is holding two one day courses in the new year for commercial market gardeners who have just started in the business.

The courses are also for people who are planning to start market gardening on a commercial scale. They are not intended for people who grow vegetables for their own use.

The first course will be held in the Youth Building at the Exhibition Grounds in Edmonton, January 27. The second will be held in Room B of the Agriculture Building at the Exhibition Grounds in Calgary, February 10.

Both courses will cover the basics of market gardening.

For more information on he courses, phone 427-5337 or 362-3391.

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TOWN OF MORINVILLE

RE: HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICKUP

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF MORINVILLE

GARBAGE PICKUP DAYS FOR HOLIDAY SEASON WILL BE DECEMBER 23, 24, 30 AND 31

Attention Morinville Ratepayers

The Morinville Thibault School Board has for the past two years been commuting with the Minister of Education, in every possible way, to obtain an 8 x 8 core school (16 classrooms) for the children of Morinville. We realize that Notre Dame School is becoming unbearable and is not conducive to a good education. If the board and the government do not come to an understanding in the near future we will have an overflow of children with no place to go. True the government has approved a 6 x 6 core school (12 classrooms). It is not sufficient for our needs.

Thibault is educating 105 students from the Municipality of Sturgeon. According to the School Act we are not allowed to count them for space in our new school, therefore the reason why we have to settle for a 6 x 6 core school (12 classrooms).

Reasons beyond our control hindering the development of the new school are - 1) sewers; 2) land titles; 3) approval for Senior Citizens complex.

We make an appeal to the ratepayers for their support, patience and understanding in these trying times. Your school board has not been idle and we assure you that all in our power has been done to get the size of school which would benefit the community.

For your information there are 20 steps to go through in the building of an Alberta School.

•Local planning performed

•School board motion, statement of building need submitted to; then recognized by School Buildings Board

•Commission of architect, contract engineers and construction.

•Materials kit obtained from L.A.B.

•Architect's sketch plans readied for approval

•Sketch plans approved by board, architect's estimate of fees and building cost obtained. Cost of land, furniture, equipment, landscaping and services estimated.

•Final sketch plans submitted for approval

•Bylaw passed to borrow financing

•Two copies of bylaw forwarded to the Department of Education.

•Materials and information forwarded to L.A.B.

•Application forms for borrowing from the Municipal Financing Corporation obtained

•Final plans and specifications prepared by architect, approved by school board, then submitted to Department of Education for approval or final examination.

•Advertisement for tenders.

•Tenders submitted to Department of Education.

•Contract agreement prepared, performance and maintenance bond secured, copy of contract submitted to Department of Education.

•Construction started after contract signed.

•Final official acceptance of the building obtained.

•Maintenance inspection performed

•Building completed.

May the peace of Christmas be with you throughout a happy New Year.

Morinville Thibault School Board R.C.P. #35.

Morinville sports report

By Marg Bentz

SENIORS WHOMP RCMP

Morinville Seniors completely outclassed the visiting RCMP Subdivision 13-4 in exhibition play, Tuesday evening, December 16, 1975. Rear guard Terry Maslyk sparked the team with a three goal performance. Dex Dersch, O'Neil Chevalier and Al Bentz each scored a pair while singles went to Jack MacAskil, Norm Bohl, Carl Royan and Roger Chalifoux. Paul Tetreault and Terry Gehlan replied for the RCMP each with a "brace" of goals.

Morinville quickly went ahead and never looked back, ending the first period 3-1. The second stanza ended 7-3. The last period featured six Morinville goals while the hapless RCMP could muster only one in reply.

This exhibition match marks the return to action for the Seniors who have had an eight day break in schedule play.

Next home game is Tuesday, December 30 at 8:15 p.m. Due to earlier press-time, no report can be made on Friday's or Sunday's games. A complete recap of game results missed will be given in the next issue on January 7, 1976.

MINOR HOCKEY

Morinville's bantam 'A' doubled Redwater 6-3, Friday, December 12. Dan Blackburn and Kevin Hittinger each got a pair of goals; Richard Himschoot and Wally Fizer potted singles.

Other game results for the hockey season will be published next issue, January 7, 1976 as there were no minor hockey games prior to press time.

OLDTIMERS

Morinville's Goodtimers have been very busy. They split a double-header at home, Wednesday, December 17, winning the first game against the Juvenites (4-2), then dropping the late game 8-6 to the Alexander Cubs. Thursday they toured to Legal where they hung on to a big lead for an eventual 8-6 win against the "Benders." Big Dave Pezer went on a score spree potting two against the cubs and another pair against Legal. Marcel Chalifoux and Rollie Belanger also each scored twice while Ernest Brisson and Al Bentz got singles in Thursday's game.

Next home game - December 28 at 8 p.m.

IN TOUCH WITH PARLIAMENT

By Peter Elzinga
MP for Pembina

Interruptions in the mail service, such as the one we have experienced over the past five and a half weeks, have the capacity to virtually wipe out a sector of the economy -- small business -- which accounts for a large proportion of this country's success and survival.

The extent to which these losses could be measured, by the Progressive Conservative Party in a nationwide survey this week, reveal some shocking facts about the effect of this particular postal strike on small business in Canada. Response to our request for information came from all across the country. It came from businessmen who on the average, employ 10 to 15 individuals and whose firms are located in outlying or rural areas and depend heavily on the mail service for bill collection, bill payment, invoicing and shipment of supplies. Here, in accumulated percentage and monetary terms, is what they reported to us:

*Monetary losses mentioned started at a low of $150 to a high of $450,000 with revenue losses running anywhere from 10% to 90%.

*The small business, which usually grosses under $50,000, experienced the most disastrous percentage losses.

*Of the 108 businesses reporting the possibility of bankruptcy or lay-offs, a full 64% maintained they were experiencing excessive debt due to loss of credit with suppliers and bank loans had to be made in order to remain solvent. In addition, since these firms were unable to generate revenue during the strike, this indebtedness can only increase.

*Of those 74 firms reporting dollar figure losses directly attributable to the strike, the average loss reported by the end of November was running at $42,500.

*The total loss reported by the end of November was running at $3.145 million.

*According to pollsters and editors, each response obtained in this manner is indicative, usually, of 100 similar responses in the nation.

In closing, may I mention that I shall be appearing on Channel 13, ITV's Public Affairs program on Saturday, December 20, at 8 p.m.

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Calahoo News

By Liz McLeod

Calahoo is very active these days, the Cubs and Scouts, Girl Guides and Brownies meet every Monday night in the Gazebo.

On Wednesday nights crochet classes are headed by a very pleasant teacher, Mrs. David (Aline) Roddick of Calahoo. Judging from some of the work I've seen this class are really going great guns.

Thursday evening the large ceramics class is in high gear under the capable direction of Mrs. Grant (Angie) Moellmann and here again the enthusiasm is catching.

In order to cope, Angie decided to install a kiln in her home to accommodate her pupil's wares.

The Calahoo Arena is a bee hive of activity these days what with the beautifully painted ice surface, where hockey and skating are continual. Mr. Ed Horn is caretaker of the rink and there is a skate sharpener operated by Keith Mayor.

Anyone may purchase season tickets now. For Ag. members it's $20 a family and non-members $25. Gaining a membership into the West Sturgeon Ag Society costs only one dollar.

Or if you just want to free skate its 50 cents per person and there are hours set aside for this.

I'll have the five hockey club reports next time, but if this fine weather keeps up, all skating will cease.

Calahoo's latest group is a pre-teen club just formed, and their first dance was held a couple weeks ago in the Gazebo, using a record player and each bringing their favorite record. Lunch was available, and prizes were given out for the one wearing the funniest hat. Chris Berube - Rita Letendre - Diane Fowler and her mother Vi Matkea were the chaperones and an enjoyable evening was had by all present.

BABIES IN THE NEWS

George and Annette Primeau (nee Kramps) welcomed first born, a son, Philip Alan, weighing 6 lbs. 14 ozs. and born in the Misericordia Hospital at 10.12 a.m., on December 8.

Francis and Laurette Kramps of Calahoo are proud grandparents.

HARVEST SUPPER SUCCESSFUL

On November 29 the Calahoo Women's Institute together with the West Sturgeon Ag. Society put on a supper-dance to help swell the W.I. History Fund.

From all the good reports and fine compliments it seems everyone enjoyed the meal and the dance where Louis D'Hoedt's orchestra was in attendance.

The W.I. supplied the meal and the Ag. Society brought the lunch.

We are hoping to plan an another function.

I imagine many are wondering who won on the recent $4,000 dollar draw - held by the Calahoo Sports Association.

An overjoyed Mrs. Earl (Sharon) Nault of Calahoo came forward to claim the $4,000 with Calahoo Meat Processing selling the winning ticket and receiving $400 dollars.

The $1,000 was won by a man from Tomahawk Mr. Ted Chymycz, with Jay McGeough selling the winning ticket to receive $100.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a truly wonderful festive season in the words by Charles Fillmore:

May your Christmas be blessed, wherever you are;
May love light your year
May love light your heart like a radiant star.
Wherever you go, whatever you do
May the peace of the Christ be there, too.
May the truth of the Christ give your heart a lift;
And may all God's abundance be your Christmas gift.

Namao Seniors enjoy party

By Hazel Martin

The Namao Plus 60 Senior Citizens Club held their Christmas luncheon on Dec. 18 at 12 noon at the Namao Community Hall with 49 members and guests.

President, Bruce Porter, gave the welcome, and Rev. Harold Black said grace. The buffet table was centred with a beautiful feather flower arrangement flanked by red candles. Mr. Herb Craig carved the turkey, and Mrs. Gladys McLay served the ham. A miniature Christmas tree was surrounded by gifts, and an inflated Santa stood guard over the hamper for Bissell.

After lunch the guests played bridge, whist, and five hundred, with a shuffleboard and billiard table taking care of those who preferred those games. The fun gifts were distributed by birthdays, and many a good laugh was had as men modelled tams, and the ladies played "Look what I got" with dolls, Tiddley Winks and games.

Coffee and birthday cake were served at 3.30 p.m. and all members with birthdays falling in the months from June to December were honoured, Mrs. Alberta Spence was the real birthday girl with hers being Dec. 18. Mrs. Katie Davis and Mrs. Hazel Martin blew out the candles.

With Mrs. Bessie Craig as leader, and Mrs. Doris Clapp at the piano carols were sung for a finale.

The next meeting of the Plus 60 Club will be January 8 as our regular day falls on January 1st.

Mr. Harold Clapp volunteered to deliver the food hamper to Bissell again this year.

Mrs. Alice Kreller, as lunch convener, thanked all the ladies who helped with the luncheon, and the various committees for their co-operation in making the Christmas party such a success.

Gawron - Quintal reunion held

By Liz McLeod

A fine way of keeping in touch is a family reunion so that the cousins can know one another and sisters and brothers can renew acquaintances.

Mr. Frank Gawron's daughters, Katie, Mary, Helen and Ann organized a supper party in the Calahoo Arena on Friday, December 12 along with Mary's huband Armand (Blackie) Quintal and his brothers and sisters, for the Gawrons and Quintals.

Not all were able to be present but PeeWee (Edward) and Pearl Quintal made it from Osoyoos, B.C., Randy and Betty Quintal and family, Ronnie and Rose Anne Quintal and family; David and Rhonda Peel and family made Black and Mary's family complete.

Helen and Hector Quintal's family participated with the exception of Eric and his family, and while Linda and children attended her husband Marvin Perrott could not. Wayne - Pauline and family, Gail and Dale MacMillan and Kevin and Lyle enjoyed the family affair.

Katie Krupa was sorry her husband John had a bout with the flue, but Marie and Bonnie came as well as Sharon Tusor whose hubby was also absent.

Ann and Bernie Ross came and Debbie, Alan, Dale, Sandy and Lee. Hubert and Dorothy Quintal had their children David and Doreen and family and Vicki around them.

Of the 65 or so present, each contributed towards the delicious meal as well as the program and social hour that followed.

How wonderful it was for all to be re-united in love and companionship and for great grandpa to know them. It was unfortunate that Mr. Henry Quintal was unable to be present.

These fine families have done this for the third year in a row and find it very rewarding.

Canada's largest rape-crushing plant

The first phase of Canada's largest farmer owned rapeseed crushing plant is scheduled to begin in Northern Alberta in the new year.

Located at Sexsmith in the Peace River country, the plant is a joint venture between Northern Alberta Rapeseed Producers Co-operative Ltd., of Sexsmith and Euro-Canada Trade Anlage H.G. of West Germany.

It takes advantage of Canadian and German technology, engineering, finance and management. NARP Co-op will own 60 per cent of the plant and the West German group will own 40 per cent.

The cost of constructing the main phase (phase 1) is $14.7 million. About 3,300 farmers in the Peace River country raised $6 million in less than 18 months. This $6 million is Alberta's share of the $10 million equity. The West German group contributes $4 million and the balance will be raised by mortgage funds.

Construction of a rapeseed protein extraction plant (phase 2) is scheduled to take place in 1976. The first of its kind in Canada, the plant is expected to cost in excess of $6 million and will use patented processes to greatly improve the food value of the rapeseed meal by increasing its protein content and removing toxic substances.

Farmer's letter to Santa

Old Santa sat in his easy chair, reading his letters from here and there, when all of a sudden "AHA" said he, The Alberta Farmers have written to me.

I suppose they want a new fangled plow, or maybe some sort of a special cow, Oh well, he sighed, and shook his head, then opened the letter and slowly read:

Dear Santa:

We know we're asking for quite a lot, but there are so many things we haven't got, So we thought we'd ask you to try and find these gifts for us that we have in mind.

A few less 'hoppers and a bit less rain, when harvest time rolls around again. We're tired of hail and windstorms here, so you needn't bother with them this year.

Give us higher prices for eggs and cream, and lower prices for gasoline, Give us plenty of markets for all our grain, and a good cattle market once again.

This is our list and at the top, what we really want is a bumper crop, And just one more thing ere your patience cracks, give us strength to master the income tax.

Santa laughed and put the letter away, then stepped outside to look at the sleigh, And right on top by the dolls, pretty charmers, he placed a box of GOOD LUCK for Alberta Farmers!

Author Unknown
Source: Vegreville District Home Economist Newsletter, 1974.

HELP WANTED

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NOTICE

M.D. OF STURGEON #90
DIVISION 1, 6, 7 RESIDENTS

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Alice and Earnie are happy to announce the arrival of Daryl William at the Sturgeon General Hospital, St. Albert on December 10, 1975, weighing in at 9 lbs. 10 ozs. Proud grandparents are Tom and Denise Pelletier of Morinville and William and Teresa Korenowski of Edmonton.

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1 MILE WEST, ¼ MILE SOUTH
OF BON ACCORD SCHOOL
DOROTHY POTTER -- 921-2475

What is the real good?

What is the real good?
I asked in musing mood.
Order, said the law court;
Knowledge, said the school;
Truth, said the wise man;
Pleasure, said the fool;
Love, said the maiden;
Beauty, said the page;
Freedom, said the dreamer;
Home, said the sage;
Fame, said the soldier;
Equity, said the seer -
Spake my heart full sadly,
"The answer is not here."

Then within my bosom
Softly this I heard;
"Each heart holds the secret -
Kindness is the word."

... J. B. O'Reilly.

BEST WISHES
FROM MANAGEMENT AND STAFF
OF THE
BON ACCORD HOTEL
& DUCKY'S TAVERN
FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

SEASON'S GREETINGS
CHAS. LEWIS & SONS
SERVICE STATION
NON-LEAD GAS, OIL, TIRES, PROPANE
24 HOUR SERVICE
FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS
R.R. 4 EDMONTON
PHONE: 921-2386

Christmas joy at Youville home

As usual the Christmas Season brings a steady flow of activities to the Youville Home for the enjoyment of the residents.

Groups like the Christopher Players gave interesting concerts. Little tots from the Creative Arts Nursery class stole the hearts of all grand'pas and grand'mas ... Other groups toured the Nursing Home singing carols and/or distributing cards and gifts to the aged. Among these were the Third Girl Guides Co., the Fifth St. Albert Cubs, the United Church Sunday School, and the Lutheran Church's senior choir. The grade two pupils from Sir Alexander Mackenzie school offered cookies baked by themselves at the school. Twelve students from St. Albert High School represented the teen population in this chain of joyful events.

The Youville Home residents wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who have gone out of their way to bring them Christmas cheers and the joy of the Yuletide season.

Merry Christmas — and a Happy New Year

L. TOMLINSON
GENERAL TRUCKING
PHONE: 921-3758

Greetings of the Season

BON ACCORD
SALES & SERVICE
PHONE: 921-3608

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
GRANT, DARCY, TIM AND STAFF
DODDS AND SONS ESSO SERVICE
BON ACCORD
PHONE: 921-3960

BON ACCORD
EXCAVATING LTD.
PHONE: 921-3933
OWNED AND OPERATED BY
ANDY BRIGGS
BOX 45, BON ACCORD

The Legend of the Juggler

A little boy watched as people brought their precious gifts for the tiny Babe. The boy was feeling sad, for he only had some small, colored balls to give.

But then he had an idea. He slowly made his way through the people until he was close to the manger. Then he began to juggle the balls, and the Baby Jesus smiled.

All the other people enjoyed it, too, and it stayed in their memories for a long time. Each time they saw a colored ball, they were reminded of that wonderful day. That is why colored balls are hung on Christmas trees everywhere on Jesus's birthday.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
from Pelikana Kennels Reg'd.
THE HOME OF CHAMPION RETRIEVERS
WISHES SEASONS GREETINGS FROM
PELICAN LAKE BIRDIE
AND SON
CH BUCK'S YELLOW BIRD OF PELIKANA
CH SPRINGFIELD'S GIGI CH SPRINGFIELD'S GORGEOUS GUSSIE
CHAMPION PELICAN LAKE BLACK BUCK
AND DAUGHTERS
LABRADOR RETRIEVERS AND SPRINGER SPANIELS
GUN DOGS PUPS BOARDING STUD SERVICES
ALL STOCK GUARANTEED BY OWNER
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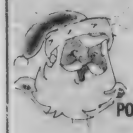
JIM GEORGE
JIM THOMPSON
BE CONSERVATION WISE
HUNT WITH A TRAINED RETRIEVER

The Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
FROM MANAGEMENT AND STAFF
MARIE'S CAFE
BON ACCORD
PHONE: 921-3545

Best wishes for happiness at Christmas Time and throughout the New Year



POP SHOPPE & GIBBONS TAXI
GIBBONS PHONE: 923-2584

Greetings from the Mayor of Gibbons

To all residents of Gibbons the Village councillors and myself extend our sincere and warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and happiness with good fortune in the New Year.

Prospects are bright for the future development of our community in 1976, and it will take the co-operation of all to ensure that we grow in a manner beneficial to everyone in the village.

I am confident that our problems can be overcome and that continued progress is assured.

May the peace and joy of the Holy Season reach into all of your homes.

Mayor Snip Loblick,
Village of Gibbons.

Ho-Ho-Ho and a Merry Christmas

As jolly Santa wends his way, bringing wonderful gifts for you, we'd like to add our appreciation. Happy holidays.

RON AND AL'S SERVICES LTD.

PHONE: 923-2266
GIBBONS, ALBERTA.

Holiday Greetings

The sound of horns usher in what we wish is your finest New Year. Greetings, and thanks.

Gulf

J. T. PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTORS LTD.

JACK AND TOM
PHONE: 923-3311 -- GIBBONS

a Meditation for Christmas

Humble shepherds adored. Wise men offered gifts. But the people of the nations would have none of the gift God gave at the first Christmas. They still don't know its value.

"Give us bigger and better armies, ships and airplanes," say the people of the nations. "Give us a supercolossal bomb that will put us forever on top."

"No! Give us our own kind of political system," say the people of the nations. "Give us fascism, and all will be well. Give us communism, and the world will be saved. Give us democracy, and the millenium will dawn."

"Wait! Just give us economic abundance," say the people of the nations. "Give us all the money we need, and all our needs will be met. By whatever route, by whatever political system, give us money!"

"Rather, give us an enduring peace," say the people of the nations. "War is our enemy. Peace is our friend. Somehow, give us a world that shall practice war no more."

"Better than that, give us health," say the people of the nations. "Give us a cure for cancer! Give us and our children a cure for all the other diseases that prey on us! What do we have if we do not have health?"

"No! First give us homes," say the people of the nations. "Give us homes secure from war, homes secure from crime's increasing menace, homes secure from the mounting toll of broken marriages. How can our world be whole if our homes be broken?"

But the people do not want the gift God offers. They do not want the supreme gift, without which all we have been given, all we may be given, are not gifts at all but liabilities.

For what good is our stockpile of bombs in the hands of men without character? Of what value is our money in the possession of the immoral? What good our enduring peace if we use the days of peace to work evil? What matters the kind of government if corrupt men control it? How valuable is health if healthy men are evil? Or how secure will our homes remain if fathers and mothers lack moral stature?

So the Creator gave the supreme gift to men. He offered us Goodness - Goodness Incarnate, some creeds say. Others call His gift Righteousness. Others call it the Way of Life. Still others call it Character.

But only a few humble shepherds, only three wise men, were humble enough and wise enough to receive the gift at His hands.

How can you tell when it's Christmastime?
Look into a child's shining eyes - you'll see
Christmas there. See a neighbor's wave,
hear his cheerful greeting - you'll know
Christmas is near.

Author Unknown.

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.

Agnes M. Pharo.

The light that shines from the humble manger is strong enough to lighten our way to the end of our days.

Author Unknown.

BEST WISHES

To the tempo of bells that merrily chime . . . Happy New Year to all, to all a grand time!

N. KONSORADO

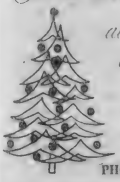
GENERAL MERCHANT
PHONE: 923-2292 GIBBONS, ALBERTA

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

GIBBONS LEGION & AUXILIARY

GIBBONS, ALBERTA.

Best wishes for happiness at Christmas Time and throughout the New Year



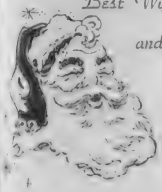
NORMAN KNOTT INSURANCE
PHONE: 923-2393

Christmas Wishes

HERES WISHING ALL A MERRY YULE!
TO OUR GOOD FRIENDS, PATRONS
. . . SPECIAL THANKS FOR
KINDNESS SHOWN

VILLAGE OF GIBBONS
MAYOR DERMONT LOBLICK AND COUNCIL

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year



GIBBONS POST OFFICE

POSTMASTER AND STAFF

GIBBONS ALBERTA.

Here's wishing all a merry Yule! To our good friends, patrons . . . special thanks for kindness shown.

ROYAL BANK
MR. AKERSTROM AND STAFF
GIBBONS ALBERTA.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Nan's Better Meats

PHONE: 923-2293

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

LOBLICK INDUSTRIES

GIBBONS PHONE: 923-2621

St. John Ambulance
Emergency Service
TELEPHONE: 921-3777
MEMBERS OF THE
BON ACCORD EMERGENCY
AMBULANCE AND RESCUE
SERVICE WISH EVERYONE
a
Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

Merry Christmas Greetings

Joseph Nault
Mayor of Legal

Christmas is a time to meditate, a time to rejoice, and a time to give thanks for all that is good in the world around us. It is a time when families are reunited. It is a time to bring mankind closer together.

But, sad to say, we are so busy preparing for Christmas that we often forget those among us for whom Christmas can be lonely - those who are separated from their loved ones, those who are ill, and those who cannot afford the many things we take for granted during the festive season.

Let us pause and let us ask ourselves how we can make Christmas in our community, the best ever.

To all newcomers, a hearty welcome and a wish that you will enjoy your new friends and neighbours.

I ask all of you residents of Legal to join me and members of the council in a prayer of thanksgiving for past blessings and may the peace and joy of Christmas abide with you throughout the coming year.

Les vieux souhaits de nos grand'meres
Valaient peut-etre mieux
Que nos messages modernes
Mais si les mots ont change
Les sentiments restent les memes
Recevez donc mes voeux sinceres.

Joyeux Noel et une Bonne et Heureuse Annee.

Season's Best

Bells ring out the coming of a New Year filled with new goals, new gains for one and all. May you find every happiness in 1976.

LEGAL FARM SERVICE CENTRE
PHONE: 961-3646 WHITE FARM DEALER

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
AND CLIENTS

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

LEGAL WELDING
MARCEL COULOMBE
PHONE: 961-3895 LEGAL, ALBERTA.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR
THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

T&E AUTO SERVICE AND CAFE
"THE MELNYK'S AND STAFF"
SOUTH CORNER HIGHWAY #2
LEGAL, ALBERTA.

While you're downtown shopping don't forget to take just a half hour to relax and visit your Red Cross blood donor clinic. Your special effort can help save a life. And the exhilaration you'll feel after giving will go a long way in making your holiday ever more festive. Be a lifesaver. Give blood, today.

The economic crunch may restrict your gift giving again this year. There's one gift you don't have to pay for, and it's the most vital one you can give. Show your love of life and your concern for others. Give blood this holiday season. Visit your local Red Cross blood donor clinic today.

We wish all our CUSTOMERS and FRIENDS a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
And Sincere Good Wishes for a Happy New Year

Dan's Highway Service
& Louise's Corner Cafe
PHONE: 961-3870 -- CAFE: 961-3960
LEGAL, ALBERTA
DAN & LOUISE ST. MARTIN AND STAFF

SEASON'S GREETINGS

L. Maurier
& Son Transport Ltd.
PHONE: 961-2513 LEGAL, ALBERTA.

GREETINGS

The merriest of holidays to you and thanks for your loyal patronage.

LEGAL MOTORS LTD.

CHRYSLER PLYMOUTH DODGE

LEGAL

PHIL & ROLLIE PREFONTAINE & STAFF

Some thoughts at Christmas

LIVING RESPONSIBLY

What is it to live effectively responsible? It is to establish ourselves in the central undertaking of human life, in mutually fulfilling relationship with fellow humans. We need to remain human. Machines were introduced to be the extension of people's hands, but men are in danger of becoming an extension of the machine, functional robots, doing even good deeds mechanically.

Human beings are more and more refusing to be regarded as statistics. B. R. Sen, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, said: "What the world needs most today is not merely a wider exchange of material benefits, essential though it is, but also a conscious dedication to the right of man to grow to his full stature, regardless of the place of his birth, the colour of his skin, or of the faiths and beliefs he might cherish."

"All the high religious - Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Taoism" - wrote Dr. A. P. Davies in The Meaning of the Dead Sea Scrolls, "exalt the same principles and point to love and brotherhood as the path of the good life, both for individuals and for society." The responsibility is not to feed the deserving hungry, or the industrious hungry, or the amiable and well-intentioned hungry, but simply "feed the hungry."

ACT WITH SENSIBILITY

Liberty and duty are twinned with right reason, as the angel Michael said to Adam in Paradise Lost. Shouldering responsibility does not mean carrying all the world's problems. The Golden Rule does not prescribe that a person shall take no care for his own interests and his own welfare. The person who wishes to remain free must continue to carry a very substantial load of personal responsibility for his own well-being.

Sir John Lubbock, writer of scientific works, member of parliament and compiler of the first list of The Hundred Best Books, said: "We must be careful not to undermine independence in our anxiety to relieve distress. There is always the difficulty that whatever is done for men takes from them a great stimulus to work, and weakens the feeling of independence; all creatures which depend on others tend to become mere parasites."

People need to be concerned about filling their role, about developing the "Let's do something about it" attitude. Do-Democracy is democracy based on genuine participation through which a person answers positively the questions: "What duty do I owe to my country, to my neighbours, to my friends?" He will thus make history something more than a period to be lived through. He will be actively engaged in making history.

Acceptance of responsibility leads in business to the use of power and authority justly and sympathetically; in society it leads to a co-operative effort to improve the living conditions of all people wherever they live, and in personal life to the greatest fulfilment of an individual's capacity, large or small as it may be.

In My Neighbour the Universe Dr. L. P. Jacks wrote: "The meaning of right and wrong covers a man's relations to the entire universe and not merely his relations to his brother man in society. A human being has duties to the whole universe in which he finds himself living.

"Of these duties the chief is to get to understand as much of the universe as he can, and then, in the strength of that knowledge, to do his utmost toward making it a better universe than it would have been if he had not happened to be born, by creating some bit of new value, though it be only making two blades of grass grow where one grew before, or mending the broken leg of a sparrow - in other words, by bringing to bear all that he knows about the universe on the guidance of his own conduct as a citizen of it."

To act in that way is to assume responsibility as a free human being, as a Canadian, and as a part of the universe.

The Royal Bank of Canada
1975.

MATTHEW 7:11

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

As jolly Santa wends his way, bringing wonderful gifts for you, we'd like to add our appreciation.
Happy holidays.
NORM'S SNOWMOBILE & SMALL ENGINES

SALES & SERVICE

PHONE: 961-3693 LEGAL

We're sending our warmest wishes to you and your family for a very, merry Christmas! Thank you for your patronage

REVELSTOKE CO. LTD.

LEGAL -- 961-3890
RAY PELLETIER MANAGER AND STAFF

MERRY Christmas

M & A CONFECTIONARY

LEGAL, ALBERTA.

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

WISHING YOU
ALL THE JOYS AND BLESSINGS
OF CHRISTMAS.

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LEGAL, ALBERTA.

PHONE: 961-3800

PHONE: 961-3952

TO OUR MANY FINE CUSTOMERS

Merry Christmas

May all the traditional joys of Christmas be yours . . . good friends and good times, gifts and greetings. And know that our greetings are warmly sincere, with grateful thanks for your loyal patronage.

Legal Co-op Store

PHONE 961-3766 - LEGAL
MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

Merry Christmas

To all our good friends, our thanks for the privilege and pleasure of serving you.

AVEC NOS MEILLEURS SOUHAITS POUR LA NOUVELLE ANN'E
WITH OUR BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Legal Savings & Credit Union

Board of Directors **MARCEL DUBE & STAFF** **961-3951**

The Christmas stocking

The Christmas stocking!
How endearing to childhood's joy
To find it bulging on Christmas morning
With candy and nuts and a toy.

The Christmas stocking!
What a thrill to a little boy's hands
When he tries hanging it from the mantel,
As way on tiptoe he stands.

The Christmas stocking!
The funniest sight, I believe,
As it looks so wrinkled, empty and flat,
Ready for Santa on Christmas Eve.

The Christmas stocking
Is the knobbiest looking sight
When the youngster takes it from the
When the youngster takes it from the mantel
Where he hung it the other night.

The Christmas stocking
Becomes the jolliest sight, I'd say,
Filled with sweet goodies that are sure to please.
What a thrill on Christmas Day.

The Christmas stocking!
What a change from the night before,
Where it hung so shapeless, wrinkled and limp
Before Santa filled it galore.

The Christmas stocking!
Each bulge is a brand new surprise,
Because of it, childhood's Christmas magic
Puts stars in the little one's eyes.

Ann Schneider

The Miracle of Christmas

The miracle of Christmas
Is a wreath upon the door,
A Christmas tree in splendor
With gifts spread upon the floor,
A warm and glowing fire
In a cozy fireplace
And happy cheerful people
With a smile on every face.

The miracle of Christmas
Is a star-filled winter night
With window after window
Aglow with candlelight,
With patterns of purple shadows
Along the gleaming snow,
With happy youthful voices
Singing carols as they go.

The miracle of Christmas,
Is a Babe of long ago
And a gentle mother kneeling
By a manger crude and low
And one star of glory shining
In the heavens up above
For the One who is the symbol
Of God's everlasting love.

Vincent Godrey Burns

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Season's Greetings
Income Tax Returns
Typing
Office Assistance (1969)
MORINVILLE, ALBERTA.
PHONE: 939-4090 OR 939-4114 [EVENINGS]
YVONNE AND GEORGE

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
"Joyeux Noel"
STURGEON AREA FOSTER PARENTS ASSOC.

Season's Best
Bells ring out the coming of a New Year filled with new goals, new gains for one and all. May you find every happiness in 1972.
Craig's Manufacturing Ltd.
HOME OF THE ALL PURPOSE BALE WAGONS
LAND CLEARING EQUIPMENT
PHONE: 939-4524 -- MORINVILLE

Happiness, kindness, and tidings of good will are what we wish you on this holy and happy holiday. We send you our best through this little message to show our appreciation.
FERD'S TIRE SHOP
PHONE: 939-4232 -- NIGHT CALLS: 939-4579
THANKS FOR YOUR LOYAL PATRONAGE
MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

Joyous New Year
We've all got plenty to toot our horns about as we enter a brand New Year. Here's to your success and happiness in 1976.
Mercie pour votre support etMeilleurs Souhaits pur tous
Thanks to your support and patronage
Board of Directors
Morinville Savings & Credit Union
Maurice Perras & Staff

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As joy and laughter fill the air during the Christmas season, we wish to take a moment to add our best wishes and thanks.
TO ALL OUR PATRONS & CUSTOMERS
Case Power & Equipment Ltd.
12011 - 111 AVENUE
EDMONTON, ALTA.
Ph. 452-3080

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CLIENTS

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Morinville Hardware
ROBERT REASON
PHONE: 939-4055 -- MORINVILLE

Greetings to all!
It certainly is a great pleasure to serve fine folks like you!
MacLeod's Family Shopping Centre
PHONE -- 939-4177 -- MORINVILLE
HENRY, LORRAINE, DON & DORIS AND STAFF
SEASON'S GREETINGS
THANKS FOR YOUR LOYAL PATRONAGE
AND BEST WISHES IN THE NEW YEAR

FROM THE MANAGEMENT

Willow Ridge Realty

NORM AND OLLIE

Kids and poisons at Christmas

During the Christmas season parents should take extra precautions to prevent accidental poisonings in the home, Dr. Charlotte Dafoe, director of the province's poison control service, said today.

Dr. Dafoe said that with the increased activity of Christmas, parents may tend to become more careless and leave potentially dangerous substances within reach of small children.

She pointed out that even some popular Christmas plants can be poisonous to young children. If eaten, jerusalem cherry, holly and mistletoe berries can produce severe diarrhea and vomiting, while poinsettias, though not dangerous, may be mildly irritating to the stomach and intestines.

She added that dieffenbachia, a common houseplant, is highly toxic to both children and adults and should never be kept in homes where there are small children.

Another potential danger is presented by some common medicines, she said.

Four adult aspirin tablets can make a two year old extremely ill, while eight can kill him. And one teaspoonful of oil of winter green or camphorated oil is the equivalent of 12 adult aspirin, she said.

In overdoses, vitamins A and D may also be toxic while large doses of iron, either alone or in combination with vitamins can be quickly fatal to young children.

Dr. Dafoe added that extra precautions should be taken with such common household products as polishes for furniture, woodwork, appliances and silverware. Many contain petroleum products which can cause a fatal chemical pneumonia if even a very small amount enters the lungs, she said.

Christmas cookie baking

Baking sugar cookies,
Happy, happy day!
Children in the kitchen
In each other's way.

Cutting sugar cookies,
Stars and bells and trees,
Filling cookie pans,
Busy little bees.

Frosting sugar cookies,
Red and green and blue,
Frosting little fingers,
Chairs and doorknobs, too.

Eating sugar cookies
As the job is done,
Smiling dough-smeared faces,
Fun for everyone!

Adeline Roseberg

Happy Holiday

As Yule bells ring, we send to you our greetings, thanks and warm good wishes.

Morinville

Royal Canadian Legion

Season's Greetings

WE'RE SENDING OUR WARMEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE

FROM BERT AND BOB CRAIG

A.B.R. Construction Ltd.

BOX 563 -- PHONE: 939-4524

Season's Greetings and best wishes for the coming year

EILEEN'S BEAUTY LOUNGE

PHONE: 939-4166

MORINVILLE

Holiday Greetings

Merrily, we welcome this grand New Year. Gladly we greet our good friends and loyal patrons. Sincerely, we pledge to serve you even better in 1976.

STAFF FROM

MORINVILLE HOTEL

AND

ROYAL RESTAURANT

PHONE: 939-4077 MORINVILLE, ALBERTA.

Joyous Christmas Wishes

In the happy spirit of the holiday that abounds, we thank our faithful neighbors and friends.

Paul's Confectionery

PAUL HENRY - PAUL, EMILE & STAFF

PHONE: 939-4255 -- MORINVILLE

BEST WISHES

MARCELLE'S Beauty Lounge & Fashions

Ladies Wear

Merry Christmas

May all the traditional joys of Christmas be yours. . .good friends and good times, gifts and greetings are warmly sincere, with grateful thanks for your loyal co-operation.

Town of Morinville

MAYOR, TOWN COUNCIL, SECRETARY & STAFF

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

R. BENTZ MOTORS LTD.

PHONE: 398-3696
BOX 70
THORHILD, ALBERTA.

MF Massey Ferguson

GM

MAIL SERVICE CARRIER Bob Reid of Edmonton gets the outgoing St. Albert Christmas mail well secured in his van before heading back to Edmonton. The St. Albert Post Office on Perron Street has had a busy time of it since the mail strike ended December 2nd. Postmaster John Pawlowski at the local office says that second and third class mail has been particularly heavy and there's been a heavy run of parcels. But the mails are running smoothly, the postmaster adds, picking out a letter December 18. That letter had got to St. Albert from Toronto, about 2,000 miles, in a day. It had a December 17 postmark.

Season's Greetings

THANKING YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE IN THE PAST AND LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU IN THE NEW YEAR

BARRY FLYNN AND STAFF

FLYNN FEED SERVICE LTD.

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MORINVILLE, ALBERTA. PHONE: 939-4283

Merry CHRISTMAS

In appreciation of your patronage...

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CHARLIE McLAUGHLIN & STAFF
MORINVILLE AUCTION MART

NEW YEAR'S EVE FROLIC 75

MORINVILLE RECREATION CENTRE
CANDLELIGHT SMORGASBORD -- 8 - 10 P.M.
DANCING TO THE "CABARETS" -- 10 - 2 A.M.
MIDNIGHT LUNCH AND CORSAGES FOR THE LADIES

ADMISSION -- $10.00 PER PERSON
TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND AVAILABLE FROM MORINVILLE DRUG STORE, ROYAL BANK AND MORINVILLE CREDIT UNION

Season's Greetings

To all our many friends in this area -- Merry Christmas and may the New Year be a happy one.

Mike Pelletier & The Caravan 939-4741

Season's Best and a **Happy New Year**

We're sending our wishes for a New Year filled with happinesss and prosperity for you and your family. Thank you for your loyal patronage.

Bert's Auto Centre Ltd.

PHONE 939-4250 -- MORINVILLE

"ONE CALL DOES IT ALL AT BERT'S"

Holiday Greetings

We're sending our warmest wishes to you and your family for a very, merry Christmas! Thank you for your patronage.

IMPERIAL OIL AGENT
IMPERIAL LANDSCAPING
IMPERIAL TOWING

LEN GIBEAULT & STAFF PHONE: 939-4110
Morinville

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU IN THE NEW YEAR

L.J.S. ELECTRONICS

Holiday Greetings

Best wishes of the Season and our sincere thanks to all our friends and patrons.

STURGEON VALLEY EQUIPMENT LTD.

17 BELLEROSE DRIVE
ST. ALBERT, ALBERTA
PHONE 459-5100 - 458-1746

Careless smoking causes majority of fires

Each year fire kills hundreds of Canadians and half of these victims are children. Statistics indicate that the majority of fires have been caused by careless smoking.

Ideas to prevent a fire holocaust in your home would be to follow these suggestions.

1. Preplan fire escape routes - "two ways out" for you and members of your family.

2. Purchase a good fire extinguisher and learn how - and on what - to use it.

3. Know what action to take should fire break out:

a) Arouse the household by shouting FIRE

b) Remember that the air is usually less smoky near the floor.

c) Instruct members of the family to feel the door first and if it's hot - get out another way, as fire is probably on the other side.

d) Get everyone out you can get out - STAY OUT - Call Fire Department from a neighbour's house.

The best protection against fire is Prevention and good housekeeping practices Some fire safety points to remember are as follows:

Never smoke in bed.

Never leave children alone and unsupervised for ANY length of time.

Never take a chance you may not get a second.

Keep flammable liquids out of the house and in properly C.S.A. approved safety containers.

Keep contact cement with highly volatile vapours away from spark or flame.

Keep electrical wiring, extension cords, appliances and Christmas tree lights in good condition.

Keep plenty of ash trays around for those who do smoke - and never empty them into waste paper container or other ignitable material.

Make sure your furnace is in good repair.

Keep your basement clean, free from clutter and improperly stored flammable material.

We in the St. Albert Fire Department extend to you, one and all, a Very Merry Christmas and wish you a prosperous and Happy New Year. And ask you to follow the safety ideas outlined in the following Poem by Dee Ann Christopherson.

C. A. Purnell
St. Albert Fire Chief.

The Night before Christmas

By Dee Ann Christopherson

'Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring,
not even a mouse.
When down through the chimney,
all covered with soot,
Came the "Spirit of Fire,"
an ugly galoot.
His eyes glowed like embers;
his features were stern,
As he looked all around
for something to burn.
What he saw made him grumble,
his anger grew higher,
For there wasn't a thing that would
start a good fire.
No doors had been blocked
by the big Christmas tree,
It stood in the corner
leaving passageways free.
The lights that glowed brightly
for Betty and Tim
Had been hung with precaution
so none touched a limb.
All wiring was new,
not a break could be seen,
And wet sand at its base
[illegible] the tree nice and green.
The [illegible]e had been trimmed
by a mother insistent
That the ornaments used
must be fire resistant.
And mother had known
the things to avoid,
Like cotton and paper
and plain celluloid.
Rock wool, metal icicles,
trinkets of glass,
Gave life to the tree;
it really had class.
And would you believe it,
right next to the tree,
Was a suitable box
for containing debris,
A place to throw wrappings
of paper and string
From all of the gifts
that old Santa might bring.
The ugly galoot
was so sad he could bust,
As he climbed up the chimney
in utter disgust.

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Bright light in sky

A number of people on their way to work, or at home, last Tuesday morning (December 16) reported seeing a bright light in the sky.

The light appeared before 8 a.m. and seemed to be in the south or south-east part of the sky. Some reports indicate that it may have been a falling meteorite.

One of the people who saw the light was Larry Christenson of 12 LaBelle Crescent, St. Albert. He saw it as he was driving on Groat Road to work.

"I saw what looked to be a falling star, with a long bluish white tail trailing behind it. The head of it was quite large."

He said he saw it at about 7:45 a.m.

"It looked to be straight east of where I was, about over the refineries, and not high in the sky. It lasted three to four seconds, which is longer than any falling star I've ever seen."

A spokesman for the Planetarium said no one is aware yet whether any material has come down. He said he received a report from an individual in Westlock who also saw the light.

It will take one or two days, he added for all reports to come in so that the approximate course of the light can be charted.

If it was a meteorite, that will also give an indication of where it might have landed.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Happy New Year!

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Holiday Greetings

The sound of horns usher in what we wish is your finest New Year. Greetings, and thanks.

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The Book Nook

News from the St. Albert Public Library

The St. Albert Public Library has certainly been bustling with activity in December. Last Wednesday there was a flurry of excitement when Santa Claus arrived just in time for the pre-school Christmas party. He had candy canes for all the wide-eyed youngsters. Mrs. Bakker presented a special puppet show called "The Real Spirit of Christmas."

Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. McCreath held two craft-making sessions. The children made candy canes, snowflakes, mobiles, chains, and set up a nativity scene. The Library looks very Christmasy! Have you seen the Advent tree in the boys' and girls' section? Janice Evans helped some pre-schoolers make angels and Christmas trees.

The Library has most of the books on the best seller list if you want some holiday reading.

Watch for a special "Bookends" production on Capital Cable Channel 11 this week.

Holiday Hours: The Library closes at 6 p.m., on December 24 and is closed December 25 and 26. Then on December 31 it closes at 6 p.m., and is closed New Year's Day.

The staff of the St. Albert Public Library wish you all a wonderful Christmas and all the best in 1976! See you at the Library in the New Year.

Holiday Greetings

Candy canes and holly herald the season of good cheer . . . time to thank you for your friendly patronage and wish you the best of holidays.

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Warm Wishes

Christmas is a winter wonderland, covered by a blanket of pure white snow. We send you our sentiment during this brisk season through our warmest wishes and a hearty "Thanks."
Merry Christmas.

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"The big event was Christmas dinner. Three cooks were busy for several days, ably assisted by several constables, especially by Cst. George Callaghan who was a chef in his own right.

'Each member of the command had chipped in to pay for extras such as butter at 75 cents per pound and eggs at $6 per dozen. When all was ready full justice was done to buffalo roasts, beef, venison, wild goose, plum pudding and pies of various kinds. There was little in the way of spirited beverages.

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Christmas airport security

Canada's airport security program will continue through the Christmas holiday season and passengers will face the possibility of having gift-wrapped packages opened.

Passengers carrying packages into the cabin of a plane may have them opened although some of the larger terminals are now equipped with x-ray machines which will, in most cases, eliminate the need to open the parcels.

To avoid lengthy security checks, passengers are advised to pack gifts in locked baggage to be checked and stored in the baggage hold of the aircraft.

YULE LOG

For centuries the Yule log has been a guarantee of warmth, light and safety. It was first used by barbarians, who believed that the massive trunks from which the logs were made kept them safe during the winter in their enemy-and wolf-infested woods. In fifteenth-century Scandinavia, the Yule log celebration was a picturesque one. A huge log was dragged from the woods to the centre of the large manor hall. With great pomp, the fire was then started with a piece of charred wood kept from the Yule log of the previous year. This brand had been carefully stored because it was supposed to provide security against fire and to ward off evil spirits during the year. The freshly lighted Yule log, which burned for days, was symbolic of promise and disruptive of all ill feeling.

In medieval England, the Yule log was a huge one selected weeks before Christmas. On Christmas Eve it was wound with greens, dragged to the great hall at the head of a procession of singing merry-makers and there greeted with happy cheers. One by one, the jolly folks would sit upon the garlanded log, sing or hum a snatch of a Christmas carol, and salute the log with a casual kiss - an assurance of good luck until the next Yuletide.

The huge log was then dragged to the hearth while the group crowded about and eagerly watched the log being "touched off" with the brand from the preceding year's log. If the fire went out, it was a sign of bad luck, but this very rarely happened. Since it could happen, the faces around the log bore anxious expressions until a steady fire was assured. The Yule log ceremony is still carried on in some parts of England.

These are the sounds of Christmas ... the chime of bells on the frosty air ... sleighs jingling over the snow ... happy shouts of **"Merry Christmas!"** ... fires crackling on the hearth ... corn popping in the pan ... the chatter of children's feet down the stairs on Christmas Morning ... the gay din of excitement around the tree ... warm words of welcome between reunited loved ones ... voices raised in the old sweet carols ... and in the heart the clear sound of the angel's message: "Unto you - a Saviour!"

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